

# Embrace Buenos Aires





## **Embrace Buenos Aires David and Tonya's Custom BA Itinerary**

Hi David and Tonya! Following please check out the itinerary crafted for you. I've design it centering the experience based on the professional photographers that you are and the kind of Art you are interested in. Your itinerary is thought to appreciate Buenos Aires through a lens, combining your passions, photography, art, food, with aesthetics that reflects our local identity, also considering David's been here before and Tonya hasn't..

### **Day 1 - December 29th**

#### **Noon – Arrival in BA**

I will greet you at the Jorge Newbery Airport's Private Terminal and a private transfer will drive you to the Four Seasons Hotel in Buenos Aires.

#### **Lunch Time - Osaka**

We'll have a delighting lunch at Osaka, a Peruvian – Japanese Restaurant, one of the best ones in the city.

#### **3pm - Graffiti Tour**

It is considered as Street Art, graffiti and all ways of art interventions taken place in the streets of a city. Nowadays it is contemplated as a way of Contemporary Art and it is becoming very popular in every city around the world. Buenos Aires streets are filled with colorful urban art from great local and international artists who find this city a heaven to work on.

Around 3pm we'll meet with our graffiti guide for a Private Tour to explore the neighborhoods of Colegiales, Palermo Hollywood and Soho, observing walls, visiting galleries and shops, getting to know the vibrant street art scene in Buenos Aires. A colorful experience ideal to take amazing pictures. In this particular case, because you are especially interested in the Arts, we'll count with one of the key local stencil artists to come along on the tour with us. After some drinks at a graffiti bar we'll head back to the hotel.

Please check [Graffitimundo](#) for further information.

#### **9.30pm - Dinner at Tegui**

A romantic dinner at Tegui, one of BA's latest and most fabulous restaurants. Cocina de Autor, means a menu designed by its top chef and owner German Martitegui. Creations made out of the freshest and noblest seasonal ingredients combined with brilliant cooking skills and techniques giving birth to dishes that are worth a bow.



## Day 2 - December 30th

### Meet Photographer Marcos Lopez in his Studio

Marcos Lopez is one of Argentina's star photographers and better known abroad. He won the local prize for photographer of the year. His works are spread around the world, and his photos are shown in contemporary Art Shows in North America, Latin America and Europe.

His Art is defined as "Pop Latino", he creates a subjective chronicle of the "Menemista era" in Argentina, making colorful pictures of Latin iconic Idols and stereotypes while expressing the feel of the popular and underdeveloped point of view of a South American country. He'll expect us at his own Studio in Barracas around 11 am.

### 1.30pm - Lunch - El Obrero in La Boca

El Obrero is a local "fonda" (canteen), created over 40 years ago by a Spanish immigrant for the port workers (obrerros) of this area. Today ran and waited by Pablo and his brothers, sons of the original owner, serves one of BA's best steaks and local deserts like flan with dulce de leche in a typical local atmosphere.

### PM – Stroll about in La Boca Neighborhood

La Boca is located at the "boca" (mouth) of the Riachuelo River and it was named after this. Until late the 19th century this was the principal port in the city. This area owes its colorful history to the thousands of Italian immigrants that settled in the late 1900's and painted their tin houses with random cans of paint they bummed from the harbored ships. The Tango was born in brothels and cantinas in La Boca. This area is also home to the soccer's most popular local team Boca Juniors. After lunch we'll wander the streets of La Boca, visit Fundacion Proa, La Boca is a great place to take beautiful pictures at the city's most colorful sunset. After the sun goes down we'll head over to the hotel for a nice freshen up before dinner.

### 8.30pm – El Bistro

Early dinner at El Bistro at Faena Hotel

The Faena Hotel is a brilliant creation by Phillip Stark. He knew how to reinvent classic yet forgotten local artsy craftsmanship into pieces of trend, giving the hotel a dramatic character that could easily be mistaken for a theatre. The Bistro is probably the most brilliant creation within the hotel that serves sophisticated international cuisine.

### 10pm - Feel the Passion - Rojo Tango Show

Experience the best Tango show in the city, the Rojo Tango Show, held at the Cabaret of the Faena Hotel. The Cabaret is a small café concert type space ambience as a 1950's Parisian Cabaret. The best tango dancers, singers and the Cuarteto Visceversa live band together with the special atmosphere makes of this a vivid experience of the Porteno Glam of the early 20th century.



## **Day 3 - December 31st**

### **Shopping Rush**

BA's a great destination for shopping, the money exchange is favorable and goods are creative and of good quality. It is a good day to go shopping as tomorrow stores aren't open as it is a holiday, think leather, silver, wine, shoes and purses, brilliant designer home items, furniture and many etceteras. I created a shopping loop according to Tonya's interests and local delicacies. We'll start at trendy Palermo Soho visiting the coolest designer for leather jackets, as well as the ultimate silversmith, Mr. Pallarols at his own Studio, we'll come by two of the best stores in the city for typical hand weaved colorful rugs, tapestry and furniture, we'll also visit two of the best local haute couture designers and a shoe and purse designer. The shopping list is endless! We can rearrange plans on the go in order to find your dreamed items!

### **Lunch Time**

Around 1.30 pm, I have made a reservation in the best option available in each neighborhood we'll be passing by on our shopping day and according to our location we'll pick the one to make a break.

### **New Years' Eve Dinner + Party at Casa Cruz**

There is so much going on tonight! Especially for a couple willing to rock the night away, you can dance until sunrise, BA never sleeps and particularly not on New Years' Eve.

Start up with a great dinner at Casa Cruz with a delicious 5 course menu accompanied by the finest local wine selection (please see the menu attached), later Casa Cruz holds its own private party for clients and local friends coming in after midnight. You will also have access to the Pacha VIP in case you're willing to go for a true dancing night and the driver will be available for you to drop you off and pick you up according to your plans at anytime. There are two other really fun parties you could go to if you're willing to change the atmosphere at some point, one of which it is private.



## **Day 4 - January 1st**

### **Brunch + Relax at spa and pool in the AM**

Enjoy the hotel's yummy brunch, you have a simultaneous massage reservation at the hotel's spa at noon. Later you can relax by the pool, it will be a beautiful sunny day.

### **2 PM - Sightseeing + Race Course Photo Session**

After relaxing for a part of the day, I will pick you up, and whenever you're ready, show Tonya and refresh David on the cities' landmarks, cultural and historical points that we haven't seen yet, like Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo Market, Puerto Madero, Recoleta and its famous cemetery.

Around 5pm we'll take a 20' drive North, to the gorgeous Hipodromo de San Isidro, a traditional course for horse races in a delighting suburb of the city. Racing and Polo are part of our culture for the importance of horses in our country. Arrangements are made for us to be exclusively driven to "gateras" (starting point with no public access) where you'll be able to take pictures of the horses at the start of the race, with the warm sunset lighting. Around 7pm we'll head back to the hotel.

### **8.30pm – Dinner - Beef to Die for at La Cabrera**

La Cabrera is nowadays the best place to taste a splendid made beef in any of its forms, while sipping on a great Malbec in a cool atmosphere. It is the first restaurant to combine quality and aesthetics in a typical Parrilla Argentina without losing authenticity.



## Day 5 - January 2nd

### Art - Meet Mondongo in their Studio

11am, after breakfast we'll drive to Mondongos' sacred working space in Palermo. Mondongo is the name for the internationally renowned Argentine Artist Collective. These three young artists expose in a local Gallery, and abroad in the US and Europe, they have iconic pieces of local heroes such as Carlos Gardel, Madonna, Che Guevara, Evita, among others.

Their creations are pieces of incredible Art where they do paintings without paint— like collages, using such materials as thread, beads, plasticine, glitter and even food, to name a few materials. Production is slow and deliberate as the material and concept are intricately jelled: the materials are used as metaphorical adjuncts to the concepts, sticking them together giving them shape and life. Check out [Information](#) and pics on [Mondongo](#) Also please check out other Mondongo pieces shown at [Hotel Esplendor](#) and [Ruth Benzacar's Gallery](#)

### 2pm Lunch at Olsen

Quick lunch at a tranquil patio garden table at Olsen in the heart of Palermo, good Scandinavian food, beautiful décor and why not a sample taste on their long vodka menu before heading back to the Hotel and get ready to leave BA. (We can play it by year according to your crave of the last choice for eating, 4 reservations are made of alternative options for you to choose from)

### 6pm – Ezeiza International Airport

Private transfer to Ezeiza International Airport, I will drive along with the extra luggage, make sure your check in is fine and hug you good bye (the local way!) until the next time.

### Extras to have in Mind

I wanted to mention two recommended photography (Art) shows that are on for a few weeks, it is good to have them in mind, it would be worth seeing if we have some spare time.

- 1) Andy Warhol's Mr. America Show at the [Malba Museum](#)
- 2) Werner Bischof: El sueño de la verdad, Photography exhibit at the [Centro Cultural Borges](#)



### **Last but not Least**

I, Loli, will come along with you every day as requested. Of course I am at your disposal, I generally come along during the day and leave you at your own privacy for dinner, this usually works well as a nice combination, but we are all different so please feel free to choose and letting me know what, regarding my presence, will make your trip perfect. I am available 24/7 for you.

Your car and driver are available 24/7 at your will.

The weather will be perfect during your stay, beautiful sunny warm days. It is almost summer in Argentina (It is like June in the US), temperatures vary going from 100F during the day to 80F at night.

Please check out [Buenos Aires' weather](#)

Please find attach three sheets with useful information on:

- David and Tonya's Packing list
- Travel Info (immigration requirements, health, exchange + currency, and other useful info for your trip)
- Argentina's Etiquette

### **Your THT Travel Kit**

Upon arrival you will get your own THT Travel Kit including the following items

- Your Printed Itinerary
- THT BA Little Booklet, Loli's BA tips and best recommendations
- Maps and directions to useful places close to the Four Seasons Hotel
- A Local cell phone

**David and Tonya, I look forward to an unforgettable and unique experience with you, thank you for letting me show you my beloved city.**

**Saludos, Loli Delger.**