

Buenos Aires' 9 de Julio is the world's widest avenue.

# ARGENTINA

If your honeymoon planning has you deciding between sun and snow, adventure and gourmet, or city and country, then we have one word for you: **Argentina**. The elongated South American nation—the eighth largest in the world—has options to please all tastes, from the scenic wonders of **Patagonia and Iguazu Falls** to the foodie paradise of Mendoza and the **Uco Valley wine country**. At the center of it all is **Buenos Aires**, a world-class city that buzzes with a rich history, interesting architecture, sophisticated shopping and tantalizing tango rhythms.

—*Veronica Mullen*

## Capital Charms

Argentina's elegant capital is also its most popular destination, offering a mix of refined, European influences and artsy energy. Get a feel for the city's history at sites like the Teatro Colon opera house and the Plaza de Mayo square, which is home to the pink-hued Casa Rosada, from which Evita Peron famously greeted the masses. Learn more about her at the Museo Evita, then visit her tomb at the park-like Recoleta Cemetery. Check into the stunning **Algodon Mansion** housed in a restored 1912 classical French mansion. The Ambassador Suites have Juliet balconies, enormous marble bathrooms and gorgeous suede walls (room rates start at \$480 a night; [algodonmansion.com](http://algodonmansion.com)).



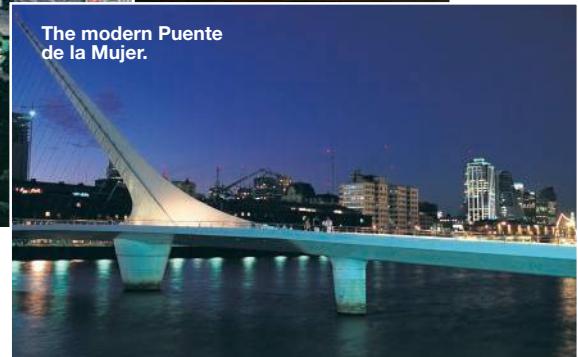
**FALLING WATER**

The massive Iguazu Falls.

On the Brazil border sits the majestic Iguazu National Park, site of a powerful network of over 275 waterfalls and a nature reserve. Stay on the Argentinean side (Iguazu Grand Resort Spa & Casino is a top choice), and spend a couple of days walking along the paths and catwalks of the park's Upper and Lower Circuits, taking in panoramic views of falls like the enormous Devil's Throat. You can also take a boat ride under the cascades (prepare to get wet!), hop on a Green Train through the forests, trek through jungle and marshlands and spot colorful birds and butterflies.



Algodon Mansion.



The modern Punte de la Mujer.

## Ice Capades

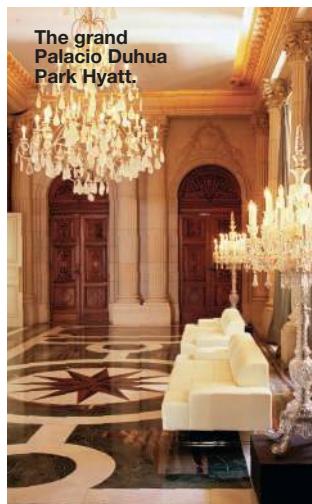
The southernmost region of South America, Patagonia is shared by Argentina and Chile, with the Argentinean side made up of four provinces, plus a portion of the Tierra del Fuego archipelago. As a result, you'll find a wide variety of unforgettable natural settings here. There's the crystal-clear, mountain-backed beauty of the Lake District, which includes the resort town of Bariloche, a hub for adventures like skiing and mountain biking. The breathtaking Los Glaciares National Park is home to the Perito Moreno glacier, one of the only still-growing ice formations in the world. And Ushuaia (the closest city to Antarctica) is a great base for tours along the Beagle Canal or Cape Horn. Hotels in Patagonia include everything from rustic eco-resorts and remote hideaways to luxury, art-themed spots; tour companies like Blue Parallel can arrange everything.



Patagonia's spectacular glacier.

### HAUTE HOUSE

Mixing a French palace-style 1930s mansion with an ultra-chic modern interior, the stunning **Palacio Duhua Park Hyatt** hotel is a perfect reflection of the two sides of Buenos Aires. The location along a main boulevard in the upscale Recoleta neighborhood makes exploring the city a snap; after a day out, retire to your spacious suite, complete with butler service, oversized tub, leafy views, and high-tech amenities. Don't miss lunch on the terrace overlooking the gardens and courtyard, or decadent high tea in the salon, a ritual for *haute porteños*—Buenos Aires locals (room rates start at \$430 a night; parkhyatt.com).



The grand Palacio Duhua Park Hyatt.

### GIDDY UP

For a classic Argentine *gaucho* (cowboy) experience, spend the day at an *estancia* (country estate), where you can horseback ride along the plains and savor a traditional *parillada* (barbecue), complete



Las Pampas are the country's highlands.

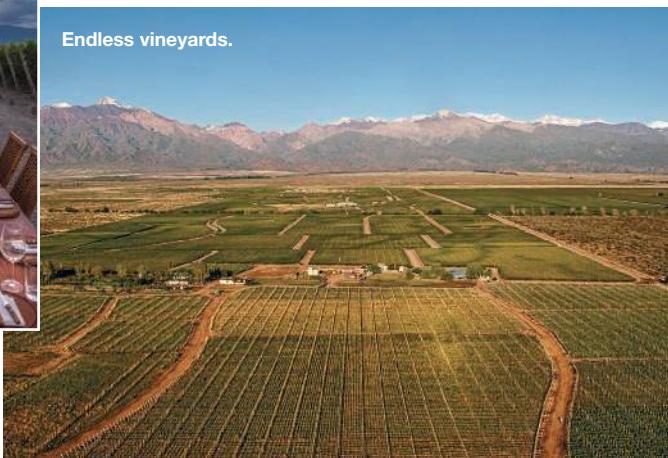
## Wine Country

From juicy red Malbec to crisp white Torrontes, Argentinean wines have made a name for themselves around the world, and you can get a taste (or two) straight from the source with a visit to the country's wine regions. In the charming colonial city of Mendoza, set at the foothills of the Andes Mountains, tasting rooms like The Vines of Mendoza will help you get a feel for the local producers, while companies like Ampora Wine Tours can set up day trips to the lush vineyards of the Uco Valley, complete with wine and olive oil tastings and tours. The Vines is also opening a boutique hotel on their own vineyards in the fall of 2013, where you can horseback ride and relax among the serene foothills.



Imagine hosting your wedding here.

Endless vineyards.



with grilled meats, homemade empanadas and local maté tea. Most hotels and tour companies can arrange for a full-day estancia visit from Buenos Aires and Mendoza. Or, if you're feeling more adventurous, take the ferry across the Rio de la Plata from Buenos Aires to Uruguay; spend the day in Montevideo, exploring the museums, cafés and historic sites of this noted port town, or in charming Colonia, a mellow beach retreat.