Travel to the world of cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, home of sultry tango, superb wine, and vibrant cultural arts. This weeklong discovery of Buenos Aires includes 5-Star accommodations, private art studio and gallery visits, and exclusive cultural city tours. Cruise the Tigre Delta and stroll through the magnificent gardens of El Descanso Island. Visit an Estancia to taste famed Argentine beef ‘asado,’ partake in a polo lesson, and watch a Polo match. Throughout your journey to Buenos Aires, enjoy traditional Argentinian cuisine paired with exceptional wines. Experience the architectural beauty of this city considered to be the “Paris of South America.”

**GROUP SIZE:** 12 to 25 guests

**PRICING:** $4,995 per person, double occupancy / $995 single supplement

**STUDY LEADER:** To be announced
FRIDAY, MARCH 10
DEPART U.S. FOR BUENOS AIRES

Depart for Buenos Aires, Argentina on an overnight flight.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires this morning transfer to the Brick Hotel Buenos Aires by M Gallery, situated in the refined neighborhood of Recoleta. We have a guaranteed early check-in of 10:00 AM.

An afternoon walking tour will introduce you to this grand metropolis on the banks of the River Plate.

Explore the Recoleta district, one of the most fashionable and aristocratic areas of the city and tour the Recoleta Cemetery — South America’s most opulent and extraordinary cemetery— containing the graves of some of the most influential and important Argentineans. Internationally, the cemetery is best-known as the much revered resting place of patriarchs, presidents, poets and the much loved Eva Perón, Argentina’s controversial first lady who left behind a legacy of social justice.

This evening we gather for a cocktail reception at the hotel followed by a welcome dinner at Piegari Restaurant (or similar).

Overnight: The Brick Hotel (D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
BUENOS AIRES CITY TOUR

Following the history of Buenos Aires and its strikingly different neighborhoods, this full-day city tour affords an opportunity to admire 19th-century French-style architecture and highlights the Main Square, “Plaza de Mayo” with its neo-classical Cathedral, colonial town hall, and the Presidential Palace, “Casa Rosada” (Pink colored House), which houses the mythical balcony from where Eva and Juán Domingo Perón addressed the masses. We will continue on to the old neighborhood of San Telmo, known as a bohemian district, full of artists, antique shops, and cobbled-stone streets. Pass Dorrego Square, where every Sunday an antique fair and flea market is held. Continue to the colorful neighborhood of La Boca, where artists open their studios and workshops, and then to Palermo full of wonderful parks, gardens, monuments and magnificent mansions.

After lunch we will have a private visit to the “Zanjón de Granados” or underground archeological tunnels of the first settlement of Buenos Ayres in 1536. This visit offers a glimpse into the historical founding of the city. The rest of the evening will be on your own.

There may be time for a suggested visit to the (MALBA) Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires or the Fine Arts Museum this day.

Overnight: The Brick Hotel (B, L)

MONDAY, MARCH 13
TIGRE DELTA

Today we leave the urban charm of Buenos Aires for a relaxing day in the Tigre Delta region. Less than 20 miles north of Buenos Aires there is an extraordinary ecological area: the Paraná River. The river, over 2,000 miles long, forms a very large delta before flowing into the Río de la Plata. It resembles a subtropical labyrinth with over 5,000 islands.

We drive to the elegant northern riverside suburbs on the outskirts of Buenos Aires. We will take the coastal train – or drive – to San Isidro, where we will walk along the promenade to see rowing clubs, restaurants, and cafés where the upper classes used to spend their free time in the good old days.

Once in Tigre, a private navigation in a typical wooden ‘colectivo’ boat or water taxi will allow us to explore the delta. We will have a rare opportunity to enjoy a reception, lunch and tour of the gardens of El Descanso Island, or the “Getaway Island”. This island is where landscaping, outdoor art, and nature converge to reveal the best of the Paraná Delta. Diverse
gardens, natural and designed, weave through streams, bridges and channels. We will enjoy a private guided tour of outdoor art and sculptures which decorate this island retreat created by some of Argentina’s most famous artists.

The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: The Brick Hotel (B, L)

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
BUENOS AIRES CULTURE

Enjoy a private visit to the Colón Opera House. This turn of the century Italian Renaissance-style building showcased some of the world’s top performers. Artists such as Enrico Caruso, Vaslov Nijinsky, Ana Pavlova, Mikhail Barishnikov, Maria Calas, and Luciano Pavarotti performed on its stage. Stravinsky, Strauss, and Bernstein conducted here. Recently restored and reopened in 2010, it is acoustically considered to be amongst the five best concert venues in the world.

Next learn about Evita and the Peronismo at the Eva Perón Museum. Inaugurated in 2002 on the fiftieth anniversary of Eva’s death, it is located in a petite hotel built during the first decade of the 20th century. The museum reviews the history of Eva Duarte from her childhood, going through her youth as an actress, and then her life as the First Lady, next to Juan Perón. Lunch is at the Evita Museum restaurant.

There may be time for a suggested visit to the MALBA (Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires) or the Fine Arts Museum on this day.

This evening we enjoy a gourmet dinner paired with fine Argentinian wines and Tango Show at the glamorous venue, Gala Tango.

Overnight: The Brick Hotel (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
POLO DAY AT A PRIVATE ESTANCIA

Spend a full day at a private estancia, or ranch, and get a taste of the ‘pampas’. We will begin the day with an informative talk about polo and its ponies. While tasting some delicious empanadas and excellent Argentine wine, our guide will explain how polo horses are selected for the sport, their blood lineages and how they are trained. You will attend a professional live polo match with more than 30 horses in play.

Enjoy a complete Argentine barbeque or ‘asado’, accompanied by premium Argentine wines. Vegetarian options are available.

After lunch, we will enjoy a walk through the countryside and take a polo lesson where you will have an opportunity to learn to ride a horse, hold the mallet and hit the ball. Believe it! You will finish the day by sharing in a mini polo match that will make you feel like a professional player! No horseback riding or polo experience needed. There will be equipment and instruction for all levels.

The evening is at leisure.

Overnight: The Brick Hotel (B, L)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16
BUENOS AIRES CULTURAL

Enjoy a visit to a private art collection in San Telmo, one of the oldest neighborhoods of Buenos Aires with early 19th century colonial buildings and cobblestone streets, followed by some surprise visits to some unique places in Buenos Aires that would be hard to discover on your own.

A farewell lunch is at Espacio Taucuari or a similar local restaurant.

In the afternoon visit the Juan Carlos Pallarois Silversmith workshop in San Telmo (or similar).

This evening you have the option of attending a performance at the Colón Opera House or another theatre in Buenos Aires (at additional cost; exact shows, dates and times to be confirmed, subject to the theatre schedule and trip dates, and can only be confirmed until closer to trip dates).

Overnight: The Brick Hotel (B, L)
FRIDAY, MARCH 17
BUENOS AIRES / U.S.

The morning is at leisure and your guide will be available to assist you.

Buenos Aires is full of cultural options, quaint neighborhoods and excellent restaurants and art galleries. Experience the European influence of this city originally designed to resemble Paris.

In the afternoon transfer to the airport for your return flights to the U.S. or to Iguazú Falls to start your Post Trip Extension (B).

SATURDAY, MARCH 18
ARRIVE IN U.S.

Please note that the times and order of activities on the itinerary may change to take advantage of the many cultural, artistic, and architectural opportunities that Buenos Aires has to offer. Any changes made will be done to enhance the program and to promote a smooth operation of the tour.

Optional Post-Trip Extension:
Iguazú Falls

March 18 - 22, 2017

Roaring out of the jungle and hurtling over cliffs between Brazil and Argentina, the Iguazú Falls are one of the natural wonders of the world. The two nights at this extraordinary place offer ample time to relax and see the cataracts surrounded by luxuriant rain forest, beautiful exotic birds and intriguing bromeliads and butterflies. Walk along the upper and lower trails for close-up views of the many different falls. Exploration from the Brazilian side is thrilling. Take a Zodiac boat to see the falls from the lower river, approaching the base of the falls. Extension includes 1 night accommodation in Buenos Aires and two-night’s accommodations in Iguazú, buffet breakfast every day, one lunch, one entrance fees, transfers, and leadership. Airfare is additional and quoted separately. The visit to the Brazilian side of the falls requires a visa.

The Brick Hotel Buenos Aires M Gallery
Collection and Lois Suites Iguazú Hotel

Pricing: $1,795 per person, double occupancy

Single Supplement: $525