Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the capital of Argentina. It is in the eastern part of Argentina, which is the flatlands, or as the pampas to the Argentines. Buenos Aires was first founded in 1536, then destroyed in 1541. Although, it would be founded again in 1580, both times as a colony of the Spanish Empire. It wouldn't be the capital of Argentina for another 300 years in 1880 when they finally won their war for freedom against the Spanish. Now, the metropolitan population is a boasting 15 million. This is where I will be planning to be a tourist and talking about what I would go to do, places to see and eat, and where I would stay.

I would stay in the Poetry building Recoleta. Located in downtown Buenos Aires, the Poetry building Recoleta mixes the older architectural feel of Buenos Aires with new modern amenities. Also, staying downtown will put you in all the action of Buenos Aires, allowing you to get a feel of the true culture. One of the first places I would go to would be the president's pink house. The buildings name is the Casa Rosada, which is translated to "pink house". The building is still the official residence of the president of Argentina today. Also in the pink house is the Casa Rosada Museum. According to planetware.com, the museum was established in the 1950's and still holds many artifacts from the Spanish colonial times of Buenos Aires. I would attend the museum on a Saturday when there are free English tours. Next, I would like to visit the Recoleta Cemetery. It is a cemetery which was built for the elite of the Argentines who built

large tombs which lines both sides of isles which look astonishing. This also goes to show the interest in which Argentines still have in death. Argentines still celebrate passed family members birthday and the day of their death. Next, I would like to see the La Boca and the Caminito Street Museum. It is a street with brightly painted houses, patios, and balconies with live performances of dancing and souvenir shops. Another place I'd like to visit is the metropolitan cathedral. Building started in the early 19th century where one of the first Spanish churches was supposedly built. It doesn't look like your typical church; the design looks more like a Greek or Roman temple with many large pillars in the front. Buenos Aires is also known for its world-renowned theatrical atmosphere. With over 300 theaters, from underground plays to world class operas it is said to be spectacular. With that being said, I would go visit the Colón Theater. The Colón Theater is known for its musicals, and I have never been to one so I would like to attend. I would also like to take a whole day to visit Iguazu National Park. In Iguazu National Park is the Iguazu falls which is a series of waterfalls that would combine to make the largest waterfall in the world. They have boat rides that take you right next to the falls that I would like to do. According to trip advisor, the surrounding rainforest has over 2,000 species of vascular plants and home to many native animals I would like to see. I would like to eat at the Narda Comedor which his home to restaurant owner Narda Lepes, according to eater.com, who is said to be a household name in Argentina. She is said to have traveled to locations of other cultures and cooks their food with an Argentinian twist. It is said that you can't go to Argentina and not try their beef. With that being said, I would like to eat at Corte Comedor, where Uruguayan chef, Santiago Garat is always changing his menu. Although, one thing always on his

menu is beef. He serves beef in just about every way you could imagine, and I think it would be interesting to try a few options.

Tourism has a massive effect on the Argentine economy. In fact, it was 9% of the counties total GDP in 2019, bringing in just over 15 billion. Not only does it bring in nearly a tenth of their GDP, but it also supports over 1.4 million people by giving them jobs in the tourism field. There is a reason for the tourism industry to bring in this much money for the Argentines, they are said to be very friendly people who welcome tourist when so many countries don't. This is also why it predicted that tourism will lead to exponential growth by 2025 brining in nearly 17 billion to their total GDP according to Amazonaws.com.

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