



Michigan Farm Bureau - Argentina Study Tour 2019 March 8 – 14, 2019

March 8 – Friday - Day 1 – Depart Detroit/Toronto - Arrive in Argentina – March 9

- 2:25 pm** AC 7364 operated by Air Georgian flight – Detroit to Toronto.
3:39 pm Arrive in Toronto. Transfer to International Flight on Air Canada.
7:20 pm Air Canada 0094 to BA, Air Canada direct flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina with no stop-over.

March 9 – Saturday - Day 2 – Toronto/Buenos Aires (REVISED) (B, L, D)

(All times are approximate at this time – timing will be confirmed with final itinerary)

- 08:05** Arrival AC 94. Reception at Ministro Pistarini Airport and transfer to the hotel.
09:30 Drop off Bags at the hotel.
10:00 Approximate time for breakfast in the hotel. **MAIZAR Representative Association President Mr. Marcello Morelli, presentation on Argentina corn production methods.**
11:15 Tour of the city. We will visit the Palermo and Barrio Norte districts, with the expensive houses and classic architecture; La Boca and San Telmo, the old part of the city, with its flea markets; the recycled area of Puerto Madero, old warehouses which were converted into fancy offices, restaurants and cinemas;
14:30 Stop for lunch in one of B.A.'s fine restaurants.
Continue tour including Recoleta, including the cemetery to see Eva Peron's mausoleum; the Plaza de Mayo to take a look at the Cabildo (municipal building during the colonies and now a museum), the Casa Rosada (home of the Executive). This square is where Eva and Juan Peron used to address the crowds during their political rallies, and where the Madres e Plaza de Mayo, relatives of the people who disappeared during the last military government, gathered to claim for their missing.
17:00 Return to the hotel for freshening up, maybe a short power nap, then prepare for an evening celebrating the history of Argentina through dance and music. Suggest you pack your luggage and leave out clothes for following day's journey – quick pack of toiletries the next morning for early departure.
20:00 Depart for your dinner show at Senor Tango dinner theatre in Argentine tradition – limited beverage package is included (wine and beer). View this theatre and show at the Spanish site for Senor Tango <http://www.senortango.com.ar/> - click 'translate to English' version for this site.
23:30 Return to the hotel after midnight. Overnight downtown Buenos Aires in the historic centrally located [Claridge Hotel](#).





March 10 - Sunday -Day 3 - Buenos Aires – Pergamino – Melincué (370 km) (B, L, D)

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast.

08:30 After breakfast, travel 220 km to Pergamino to visit El Desafío farm of 280 hectares owned by Alejandro Calderón. Beside the size of his own land, he plants more than 1,000 hectares every year on his own and also provides contractor (custom) services in the area. His Aberdeen Angus herd provides bulls to beef cow ranches all over the Pampa region. Main crops are: soybean, corn, wheat, barley, green peas, and some other. He plants, spray, harvest, condition and transport using his own equipment sending most of his grain to the terminals located at about 120 km on the Paraná River.

Talking with him will provide a good idea of the conditions to produce in the area that has the privilege of the short distance from farmgate to Transatlantic transport. He will describe and discuss about his production practices.

Meet the Calderón family and **lunch with them at the farm or in town**, according to weather conditions.

After the visit, travel 110 km to Melincué in the Province of Santa Fe.

21:00 **LATE Dinner** at the hotel. Before dinner, enjoy the pool, casino and other services of the Melincué Casino & Resort www.casinomelincue.com.

March 11 - Monday – Day 4 - Melincué – Venado Tuerto – Rosario (REVISED) (B, L, D)

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast in the hotel. Pack your bags, travel to new hotel today.

08:30 Today we will visit the facilities of a corn and soybean seed company Syngenta / NK Seeds, located near Venado Tuerto. Your host will be Mr. Matías Schiavoni who will receive you at Syngenta Venado Tuerto Seed Processing facility for your tour.

12:00 Lunch at a small scale mixed farming operation with sheep production. BBQ lunch traditional style with BBQ Hampshire Down lamb as part of the meal.

17:00 At the end of the visits, transfer to Rosario, third largest city in Argentina, located at the shore of the Paraná River.

19:30 Dinner at the hotel (time TBA). Hotel Presidente www.solans.com/presidente

March 12 - Tuesday – Day 5 – Rosario (REVISED) (B, L, D)

06:30 Breakfast in the hotel.

07:15 Depart, after breakfast. (times are approximate today)

09:00 Visit a grain terminal. Early start today, to visit the grain terminal of ACA (Asociación de Cooperativas Agrarias) in San Lorenzo, at N of Rosario. It was selected due to its location near a marina we can board our boat and be in time to visit Bolsa de Cereales de Rosario. Rosario has a total population of approx. 1.5 million people. Located 500 km away from



the Ocean, it has become the largest grain port due to its location, in the heart of the grain belt of Argentina.

- 10:30** We take a boat cruise along the river to see the size and extent of the grain elevators and grain storage facilities. Lunch aboard. Travel downstream on the Parana River, passing several large-scale grain elevator terminals serving both Argentina and Uruguay farm producers. These are deep river port facilities where all major grain companies have their unloading and loading facilities, cleaning and packaging plants, storage facilities, etc. You will witness for yourself the size and extent of the grain elevators and grain storage facilities.
- 14:00** Visit the Rosario Board of Trade, which is the most important grain Exchange in Argentina, and used to be the “Southern Chicago” for grain trade in the early 20th century, for all South America. Discussions will include the grain trade, crushing capacity, services provided by the Board of trade, etc.
- 17:00** Return to your Rosario Hotel, the Hotel Presidente.
- 19:30** Dinner at a local restaurant in Rosario. (TBA)

March 13 - Wednesday – Day 6 - Rosario – Buenos Aires

(B, D)

- 07:00** Pack, breakfast and load motor coach.
- 08:30** We depart, after breakfast, to visit [ExpoAgro](#), the largest farm equipment show in Argentina. ExpoAgro permanent home - SAN NICOLÁS BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.
- 09:30** We will spend the day walking the exhibits, where you can get a grip on how important the agricultural sector is to Argentina.
- 12:00** Today lunch is on your own. There is a mass cafeteria where you can buy lunch – one standard meal for all visitors – full buffet style meal. There is also a chance to compare and look at South American and North American style machinery while performing in the demonstration fields.
- 16:00** We return to Buenos Aires in the late afternoon.
- 19:00** Check into our hotel, dinner locally. Overnight Holiday Inn Ezeiza

March 14 - Thursday – Day 7 - BA – fly to USA (REVISED)

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- 04:30** Hotel check out. Luggage moved to the bus.
- 05:00** Breakfast at the hotel. You will have a small breakfast at the hotel and then Air Canada will likely feed you again at least twice before arriving in Toronto
- 06:00** Transfer to Ministro Pistarini International Airport nearby.
- 08:40** AC 95 to Toronto, ON
- 08:30** Three pax take AR 1305 to MIA, FL
- 18:45** Arrival in the evening. Check through Customs and depart for home.
- 20:40** Flight AC 7367 operated by Air Georgian, to Detroit. **21:54** Arrive in Detroit.



- Prices are in US dollars. Services in South America are all priced in US Dollars. Rates and are subject to minor changes if fuel charges are instituted by motor coach companies.
- Any Taxes for entry into Argentina are subject to change and are NOT included in the pricing of this tour. Any such costs are in addition to tour pricing listed above.

Includes:

- 1 Free of Charge for Michigan Farm Bureau Rep.
- Domestic multi-lingual guides in each country
- Local representatives and guest speakers throughout program
- AgriTours selected local Tour Directors on board for the duration – one for each country.
- Deluxe Motor Coach Transport throughout Argentina.
- 3+ and 4+ star hotels throughout tour (examples provided - Four Points by Sheraton, Claridge Hotel, El Presidente, Casino and Spa Resort Mercure)
- All meals on land as indicated by B, L, or D throughout the program, except at Expoagro for lunch, which is on your own.
- North America Inc.
- Meals on flights are provided by airlines. Any meals in airports are on-your-own.
- Attractions, Trade Show admissions, Special Events and functions as listed in itinerary
- Sponsored meals and events in Argentina provided by US Sponsors
- Gratuities for meals, guide, drivers and non-alcoholic beverages, which are included in the package
- Tour planning, management services by AgriTours Canada Inc., subsidiary of AgriTours and Cazenave Argentina.

Excludes:

- International and domestic flights to and from Argentina – to be arranged by Michigan Farm Bureau.
- Airport transfers in Michigan are responsibility of each traveler.
- Passport costs, taxes or visa charges applied by Argentina.
- Out of country medical insurance, cancellation and flight interruption insurance is highly recommended and can be done through Michigan Farm Bureau's own contacts or travel agency booking flights.
- Any meals specifically NOT mentioned or provided by tour operators or by airlines.
- Alcoholic beverages with meals, unless specifically included in package
- Items of a personal nature: room service pay TV, telephone calls, mini-bar, bar bills charged to room, etc.
- Other items not specifically mentioned as included.

SPECIAL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS IN ARGENTINA:

- Tips are included in the provided meals – however any bar charges that are independently arranged, might require some tipping for services rendered, by group members.
- Corn seed company Syngenta will host the group at their research farm in the region near Melincue.
- Companies to visit at ExpoAgro include Syngenta, Monsanto, Brevant (former Dow) that have facilities and production in the area. If the group contacts the listed firms, in advance, it may help.
- As grain terminals near Rosario may restrict visits for safety or security reasons, situations sometimes arise whereby this visit may be shortened or cancelled at short notice. A contact done Cazenave to the grain company they are working with, has initially been positive – company name to be identified upon arrival in Argentina.
- The boat ride is already requested. Confirmation will arrive later and subject to weather/river conditions.
- US Embassy or Consulate Representatives should be notified of your intended visit and a list of names and addresses of all participants is recommended to be sent in advance of your trip. This contact is best done on an official basis by the Michigan Farm Bureau. No visit with a US Embassy Representative has yet been arranged to our knowledge.
- Guest speaker from Maizar has been added for arrival day and his presentation will be done through a translator.