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**FREELAND NORTH.**

<b>Duration</b> 13 Days 12 Nights	<b>Departures 2009</b> - <i>Private departures all the year.</i> please consult us <a href="mailto:info@zekeseven.com">info@zekeseven.com</a> - <b>Open departures:</b> <b>04/04. 09/05. 08/08. 19/09. 17/10</b>	<b>Season</b> All the year. Best periods from September to December and from March to June.
<b>Groups</b> From 2 to 12 people.	<b>Physical and technical level</b> Intermediate. No special technical level is required.	<b>Rates</b> Desde 2715 Usd.

Zekeseven Adventure offers a 2-week outdoor Adventure Trip from Salta to Iguazú National Park with amazing adventures in these wild sanctuaries. You will start in the Salta Province with a 5-day 4WD riding and trekking adventure to discover "Quebrada de Humahuaca", experiencing mountain biking on salt lakes and the thrill of a rafting day down the Juramento river canyon. Finally, you will fly to Iguazú National Park, where you will spend 5 unforgettable days...

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**1. Program**

**-Day 1: (1 N 3-star hotel) (Lunch, Dinner)**  
 Arrival at Buenos Aires.  
 Option: city tour and tango show.

**-Day 2 (1 N Lodge) (B, Lunch, Dinner)**  
 Flight to Jujuy, arriving around midday. Reception at Jujuy airport before starting an amazing 7-day 4WD ride, mountain biking and trekking Adventure. The journey begins exploring the jungle (called "Yunga" in native Quechua tongue) in the mountains. This region boasts of one of the highest biodiversity rates in Argentina and offers the possibility of great birdwatching the great variety of species. You will visit "Potrero de Yala", a 4300 hectares reservation protected by the UNESCO. Apart from the extraordinary flora and fauna, there are also 5 lagoons situated very high up in the exuberant jungle. After a short trek, a pause to rest and enjoy a cup of regional tea to regain strength. The trip then continues across "Quebrada de Humahuaca" up to Tilcara where you will spend the night.

**-Days 3, 4, 5: (Full Board)**

After having breakfast, the day begins mountain biking around Quebrada de Humahuaca, recently declared Patrimony of Humanity by the UNESCO. The Quebrada, is basically a valley with extraordinary landscapes, with a millenary culture and lots of historic events that took place during its infinite existence. Then we arrive to Purmamarca, a very beautiful little town with its famous "Cerro de los 7 Colores", its typical square plaza with art crafts for sale. There we can't miss the traditional walk of the "Colorados". Then, we continue north visiting all the small towns that show us their way of living, cultivating fruits and vegetables and sheep too. This people cultivate their land the same way it was done 100 years ago. Once in La Banda, an archaeological site will be discovered before enjoying the warm welcome of an aborigine tribe who will be waiting for us with a traditional lamb barbecue and potatoes. After lunch we will visit Humahuaca and walk all around its lovely little roads, church and square. Going north, again, only 18 Km. from Humahuaca, we will visit the Zapagua archaeological site. Our guide will be glad to explain the drawings, rocks carved by the oldest habitants and stories about this mysterious people. This are all "sacred" places out in the open air right by the river. Here we'll rest and enjoy a regional tea, before returning to Tilcara in the afternoon.

Today: after breakfast we depart towards Alta Pampa to ride to the well known route 40 up to Laguna de Guayatayoc, from where, after a trekking around rivers we reach the lagoon and admire a colony of Flamingos and enjoy a pick nick around outstanding landscape.

Then, we continue mountain biking through the route up to the big Saline. There, you will experience mountain biking on the salt lakes with perfect view of the "Chañi" snowed peak, 6200 meters high. Finally, we return to Tilcara, down the Lipan slope and going through a clouded roof up to Purmamarca. We'll spend the night in Tilcara.

The next day, we will enjoy a free morning with optional activities such as Horseback riding, rappel, trekking and visit of Tilcara. We will drive to Salta through the corniche path.



**-Day 6: (1 N Lodge) (B, Box Lunch, Dinner)**

Rafting in Peñas Azules, a stunning zone, placed in the heart of Río Juramento canyon near Cabra Corral dike. We will descent by the rapids of Juramento River (12km route). Difficulty scale: III. Also, the excursion includes a trekking around the area and the possibility to enjoy a delicious "asado" (our typical dish).

**-Day 7: (1 N Lodge) (B, Box lunch, Dinner)**

Horseback riding day.



**-Day 8 (1 N Esturión) (B, Lunch plane, Dinner)**

Early morning departure to Iguazú, in the province of Misiones with a stop at Buenos Aires. Our staff will pick you up at the airport and drive you to your hotel "Esturión". Free evening.

**-Day 9 (1 N Yacutinga) (B, Lunch, Dinner)**

Visit of the Iguazú waterfalls on the Brazilian side. At approx. 2 pm, transfer to Yacutinga Lodge in the center of the Iguazú National Park. We are going to travel 45 km in 4WDs around the Park admiring the "Selva Misionera", the rich tropical jungle. Our guide will only be too happy to point out the flora and fauna species. Then we will navigate about 45´ on the peaceful waters of the Iguazú Superior River, up to the Yacutinga post. The premises of the lodge, built with local materials such as stone and large logs from fallen trees, harmonize perfectly with the natural environment. Only 4 hectares out of the 570-hectare area of the natural reserve have been used to set up the complex.

You will be astonished at the amazing plant strata climbing up to the tree tops and the profuse vines of different types and sizes, creating an entwined frame for uncountable epiphytes.

The free space between the different vegetation layers homes colorful birds like toucans, black fronted piping guans, trogons and woodpeckers.

With wildlife at full glow, extravagant colors, shades and dimensions, immensely rich flora and fauna of species... the jungle is utterly impossible to describe. Accommodation at the lodge, reception, Dinner. Accommodation at the lodge, reception, dinner.

**-Day 10 (1 N Yacutinga) (B, Lunch, Dinner)**

During the morning we will go on sailing down Riacho San Francisco. Animal-lovers, seize the day and get your cameras ready for the lush fauna. Duration: 3hs. Return to the lodge. Lunch.

You will have the whole afternoon free to enjoy all the activities the lodge provides: swimming-pool, sightseeing, forest tours ...

Return to the lodge. Dinner.

After dinner, a most wonderful night excursion: "La Selva de Noche" (The Jungle by Night)

#### **-Day 11 (1 N Esturi3n) (B, D)**

You can relax during the morning or enjoy the activities of the Yacutinga Lodge. In the afternoon, transfer to the Esturi3n Hotel near the Iguaz3 Waterfalls. The semicircular Iguaz3 Waterfalls are some 80 m high and 2,700 m in diameter, situated on a basaltic line spanning the borders of Argentina and Brazil. Formed by many different cascades producing vast sprays of water, it is one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the world. The surrounding subtropical rainforest boasts of over 2,000 species of vascular plants and homes the typical wildlife of the region: tapirs, giant anteaters, howler monkeys, ocelots, jaguars and caymans



#### **-Day 12 (1 N 3-Star Hotel) (B)**

After breakfast, you will enjoy the Great Adventure and Ecological Tour excursions: a grand entrance to the National Park (Argentina).

The great adventure is to let the Iguaz3 Falls get under your skin and bewitch your very soul. This ride is a perfect mingle of water and jungle. It starts off taking you deep into the Garganta del Diablo canyon (The Devil's Throat Canyon) in a motorboat steered by experts in the area, allowing you to appreciate the majestic falls, then you sail 9 km down the Iguaz3 river, the same the Spanish conquerors followed, to end up at Macuco Harbor, from where the 12 km adventure of going through the "Selva Misionera" (rainforest) of the National Park begins. This trip is done on 4WD vehicles, adequate for jungle roads. After an hour of unforgettable thrills, the great adventure ends at the Viejo Hotel (Old Hotel) parking lot, just where your adventure began. Late afternoon departure for Buenos Aires. Evening free.

#### **-Day 13 (B)**

International flight in the morning.

#### **-Information:**

##### **Level**

This adventure does not require any special physical level. Enjoying outdoor sports is what matters. Trekking have a medium level and mountain biking level can be fitted to your shape with 4x4 following you during all the adventure in the Quebrada. This adventure makes places from 2000 to 3000 meters high during 5 days. We take care to avoid acclimatization disadvantages providing a correct acclimatization the first day.

##### **Gears**

We suggest taking suitable clothes for you are going to places in the mountains, warm but light sweaters and casual jackets which are effective to keep your body protected from rain and wind. 2 pairs of footwears, 1 light, 1 medium trekking, 1 back pack (40-45 l). All special gears for outdoors activities are provided.

##### **Climate**

It is usually cool in Buenos Aires from March to November (Average of 15°C). It also may be a little bit cold during July and August. The climate can be a little bit dry. But the county is getting wet by storms from the ocean.

In the North West, near the province of Salta, the average of temperature is about 18°C from March to November with maximum from 25 to 28°C. It is colder by night and in the higher mountains (3000 to 4000 meters). During this period, the region is meanly dry.

In the Iguazu National Park (North east), it is like a tropical zone, wet with temperatures rising to 30°C (average 18°C to 25°C).

##### **Time**

GMT -3.

##### **Currency**

The local currency is the peso. One euro is about 4 pesos and one USD is about 3 pesos. It is not necessary to travel with a lot of cash (pesos or dollars). Visa, MasterCard or American express are accepted every where.

##### **Customs**

To enter the country, only a passport is needed.

##### **Health**

nothing is compulsory concerning vaccination. Being vaccinate against Hepatitis B is recommended. We advise not drinking tap water.

##### **Food**

Argentina is well known for its wines, produced mostly in the province of Mendoza, near the Andes, and for its fabulous beef! Ask for a "bife de chorizo" or "lomo" and have it with a good red Malbec wine. In Patagonia, don't miss the Patagonian lamb barbecue, nor the trouts from the lakes nor the Pacific salmon.

If you are a vegetarian: no problem, Argentina is a great fruit and vegetable producer, so you will find quality and variety at very low prices.

## 2. Services



<p>Included Services:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Private transfers Airport-hotel : 7 (Buenos Aires: 3, Iguazu: 2, Salta: 2).</li> <li>- Domestic flights (Buenos Aires – Salta – Buenos Aires – Iguazu – Buenos Aires ) .</li> <li>- lunches (13 B ; 11 lunch, box lunch; 12 dinners).</li> </ul> <p><b>Buenos Aires</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 nights double bedroom 3-star Hotel with breakfast.</li> <li>- English Guide Buenos Aires.</li> <li>- Private city tour, lunch and Tango show Buenos Aires.</li> </ul> <p><b>Quebrada:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discovery Quebrada (full board, 4 nights, activities: mountain biking, 4x4, trekking).</li> <li>- English Guides.</li> </ul> <p><b>Salta:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 nights double bedroom Lodge (2 half board).</li> <li>- 1 day horseback riding.</li> <li>- 1 day rafting Rio Juramento.</li> <li>- English Guides.</li> </ul> <p><b>Iguazu</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adventures at Iguazu ("Iguazu Forest" and "Water falls green path").</li> <li>- English Guides Salta and Iguazu.</li> <li>- 2 nights – 3 days lodge Yacutinga double bedroom full board + activities described in the program.</li> <li>- 2 nights half board in double bedroom at Esturi3n Hotel.</li> </ul>
<p>Not Included Services:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International air fares.</li> <li>- Extra activities.</li> <li>- Entrance national parks.</li> <li>- Transfers out of program.</li> <li>- Meals not mentioned.</li> <li>- Tips.</li> <li>- Additional drinks.</li> </ul>

## 3. terms of sale



### Prices

Prices are in Euros or US Dollars per pax. When booking, a deposit of 30% of the contract is required (100% if booking less than 1 month before departure date). Prices can be modified without advanced notice. The entire value of international and domestic air fares will be paid when booking.

### Cancellations

Up to 30 days before the trip, all the money will be refunded, except administrative costs (100 US\$). As from 29 to 15 days before departure date: 60% of the contract value will be refunded. As from 14 to 7 days: 30%, and if cancelled less than 7 days before the trip no refunds will be granted.

Special terms for domestic and international flights: refund according to the cancellation policy of each airline company.

### Booking

Bookings must be sent by fax or e-mail to our Buenos Aires center. Each booking will be considered confirmed against a payment of 30% of the contract . Customers will then receive a fax or e-mail confirming their

booking.

#### **Taxes**

All the taxes are included in the programs and the services fitting the contract, except taxes at the Buenos Aires Ezeiza Airport (nearly 18 US\$ per pax.) and taxes of some domestic airports inside Argentina.

#### **Modifications**

Each confirmed booking modification will depend on the lodging availabilities and on the airline cancellation system.

#### **Luggage**

An extra cost for luggage exceeded weight (international and domestic flights) will not be paid by Zekeseven Travel Agency.

#### **Responsibilities**

Zekeseven Travel Agency is not responsible for international or domestic flight delays nor for the subsequent transfer delays or inconvenients.

Zekeseven Travel Agency is not responsible for any injury or physical problem during the travels and the services provided.

#### **Program modification**

Zekeseven Travel Agency can change or modify programs for reasons or problems out of its control without advanced notice (weather, delays in domestic and international flights, transfers...).

#### **Refund**

Outdoor activities costs and green fees will not be refunded in case of cancellation due to bad weather.

#### **Insurance / Assistance**

Zekeseven advises subscription to Travel Guard Americas insurance/assistance.

## **4. booking**



To book this trip, please fill the **booking request form** (Direct link) on Zekeseven Website.

#### **Complementary Insurance - Assistance:**

You may subscribe a tailor made complementary insurance assistance (special made for outdoor sports with or without cancellation Insurance) according to your age and needs.

For example:

Age : 40 – 49

Coverage for Medical Expenses: 25000 USD

High Risk Sport: yes

Coverage for Cancellation: 5000 USD

Expenses Coverage for personal accidents: 50 000 USD

Total USD 249



#### **Cancellation**

- Travel Cancellation (Disease, Accident, Professional, terrorism...)
- Executives replacement.
- Refund of expenses for delayed or cancelled flight.
- Expenses of legal honorarium.
- Bails Advance payment.

#### **Luggage and personal goods.**

- Luggage Location.
- Luggage Loss\*
- Compensation for luggage delay delivers\*

#### **Repatriation assistance**

- Medical assistance for accident (15 000 USD).
- Medical assistance for disease (15 000 USD).
- Ambulatory medicines.
- Hospitalization Medicines.
- Dental Expenses.
- Emergency Medical transport.
- Injured or sick men's repatriation.
- Expenses of hotel for treatment.
- Guarantee - Return in different date.
- Movement of mortal remains.
- Expenses of displacement (companion)
- Expenses of stayment (companion)

-Minors' return.

Insurance Policies signed in local Insurance companies. annual validity passport: limit of age up to 72 years. The preexisting illnesses are excluded from the benefits. The general and particular conditions to which every product limits are at the disposal of the public in the Agency and will be added to the traveler's documents.

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