

14 DAYS IN ARGENTINA

Situated between the Andes and the Atlantic, every inch of Argentina—the world's eighth-largest country in terms of land mass—begs to be discovered. There's cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, with its tango, fine leather and furs; the chic porteños' weekend getaway destination Punta del Este; Mendoza, the Napa Valley of the southern hemisphere; the topographically blessed Bariloche, with its big sky, mountains and shores; and the bucolic side of Córdoba, where horses and UNESCO heritage sites reign. Two weeks is hardly enough, but here's a best-of tour of the country, sure to whet your appetite for *más*.

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6 BEACH BLISS

A driver takes you about 10 miles northeast to the town of José Ignacio, where you'll squeeze in a bit of boutique hopping, hitting **Bajo el Alma** for beautiful tunics. This afternoon you'll check into **Playa Vik Jose Ignacio** to enjoy the beachy side of life in this region. Indulge in a chilled glass of *claricot* (white sangria) at outdoor eatery **La Huella**, and spend a leisurely day at the beach, enjoying the late sunset. Tonight, your driver escorts you through the countryside for a romantic dinner on the outdoor patio at chef Francis Mallmann's restaurant **El Garzón**.

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