

# Travel Details

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This trip detail sheet will provide you with all of the information you need before your trip. Please ensure to read through the entire detail sheet.

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# Iguazu Falls

The Iguazu Falls, which mark the border between Argentina and Brazil, are a chain of 275 waterfalls that run for 1.7 miles.

Approximately 80% of the waterfalls are in Argentina, and the other 20% are in Brazil. Combined, they make up the largest chain of waterfalls in the world.

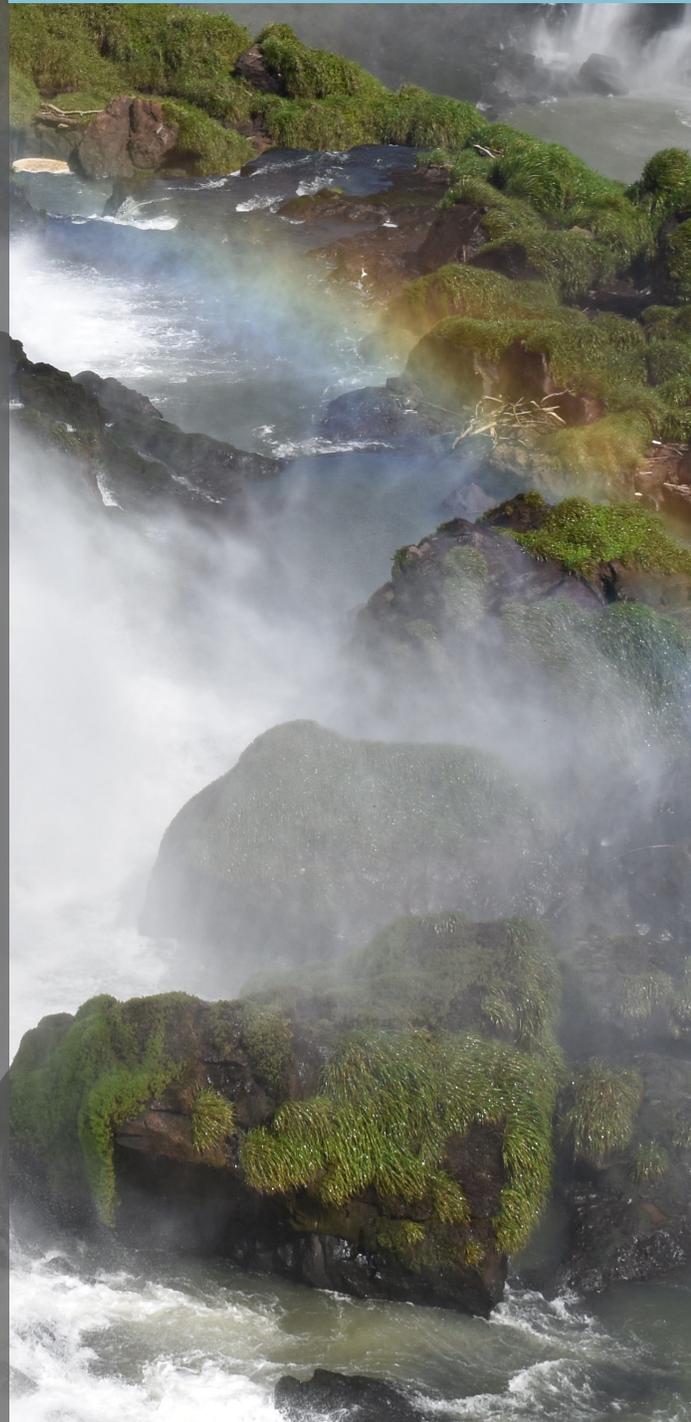
These majestic waterfalls divide the Iguazu River into two parts: the Upper and Lower Iguazu River. The Upper Iguazu River begins near Curitiba, Brazil, and continues its course throughout Brazil until it reaches the Iguazu Falls. The Lower Iguazu River begins at the bottom of the Iguazu Falls and flows between Argentina and Brazil until it drains into the Parana River. The Iguazu and Parana River form a T shape, which separates the countries Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. This breathtaking natural phenomenon has been labeled as the "Three Frontiers."

Surrounding the Iguazu Falls is the Atlantic Rainforest. The Atlantic Rainforest currently holds around 400 species of birds, 300 species of mammals, 200 species of reptiles, 300 species of amphibians, and 20,000 species of plants. However, more than 85% of the rainforest has been swept out, leaving an area of a little over 1,000,000 square kilometers or 10 trillion square feet. Consequently, the endemic species, or species that can only be found in the Atlantic Rainforest, that make up 40% of the species population are on the brink of extinction.

**21,000 SPECIES**

**10 TRILLION SQ. FT.  
OF RAINFOREST**

**275 WATERFALLS**





# HISTORY

Approximately 10,000 years ago, the area of the Iguazu Falls was inhabited by hunter-gatherers of the Eldoradense culture. However, about 1,000 years ago, these hunter-gatherers were displaced by the Guarani tribe who took over the land and introduced new agricultural technologies. The Guarani tribal culture heavily influenced the area of the triple frontier of Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina. In fact, the Guarani tribe even named the river and waterfalls “Iguazu,” meaning “big waters” in the Guarani language.

In the 1540s, the Spanish Conquistador named Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca was assigned to discover usable routes in South America. With aid from the native tribes in the form of hospitality, Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca became the first European conquistador to visit the Iguazu Falls in 1541.

## IGUAZU NATIONAL PARK

### *Argentina*

The Argentine portion of the Iguazu Falls is located within the Iguazu National Park. This national park is in the northeast point of Argentina, near the city of Puerto Iguazu, in the province of Misiones. The 67,720 hectares of land, around 16,7340 acres, was established as a national park in 1934 in order to protect the biodiversity and nature that surrounds the Iguazu Falls. In 1984, the national park in Argentina was named a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, and in 2011, it was named one of the Seven natural Wonders of the World. On the Argentine side of the Iguazu Falls, stands the tallest waterfall, Devil’s Throat, which is 269 feet tall.

### *Brazil*

This National Park was created in 1939 and was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986. The park is located near the city of Foz do Iguacu, in the state of Paraná, located in the southern region of Brazil. The park consists of 185,262.5 hectares, about 457,794 acres. The Brazilian national park gives you a panoramic view of the waterfalls.



# CLASSIC PACKAGE

## ALL INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE

Our Classic Package is filled with exciting excursions in Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay. You will be immersed in South American culture while visiting one of the Wonders of the World for 9 days. Included in this package is round-trip airfare, a 5 star hotel, coach air-conditioned transportation, all meals, excursions, tour guides, and your very own English-speaking tour director.

## MEETING YOUR GROUP & TOUR DIRECTOR

Please ensure to arrive to LAX airport at least 3 ½ hours before departure. You must check-in individually, check in your luggage and proceed to the departure gate to board your flight to Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil. Upon your arrival at Foz do Iguaçu-IGU proceed through immigration, collect your luggage and clear customs. Your Tour Director will be waiting for you at the arrival hall outside customs holding our Escape Wonder company logo. This Tour Director will stay with you throughout your visit and until you depart back to the U.S.

## FLIGHT

Your airline tickets, final instructions, and some additional travel tips will be sent to you 7 – 10 days before the scheduled departure of your tour. Please make sure to notify us if your contact information changes.



## MERCURE IGUAZU HOTEL IRU

Surrounded by the Iriapú Forest, your 5-Star hotel offers the chance to explore the Rainforest, enjoy modern accommodations and relax among 2,000 species of wildlife. Located only a few miles away from the Iguazu Falls, it is the perfect destination to enjoy Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. Here, nature and comfort meet harmoniously with comfortable rooms, private balconies and impressive views. depart back to the U.S.





# EXCLUDED MEALS

All dining prior to your arrival in Iguazu , or in any of the airports, is not included. Your hotel in Iguazu will have several dining choices from bars to restaurants that are not included in the package. Average cost for dinner (excluding drinks) is about \$20-25 per meal per person. Your hotel will accept credit cards for excluded meals.

# TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

## Passports

If you are a U.S. citizen, you must possess a valid passport in order to travel. You should apply several months in advance to ensure you have enough time to apply for any necessary visas. We highly recommend that your passport expiration date is at least six months after you plan on arriving back to your home country. Your passport should have at least three blank pages before traveling. *Please note: Passports for children under 16 are valid for five years and adult passports for 10 years. Please check expiration dates carefully.*

## Visas

Please be aware that if you are a U.S. passport holder, you are required to have both a Brazil and Paraguay visa to enter the respective countries. Argentina does NOT currently require U.S. passport holders to have a visa. You can find information about the Visa requirements in the following links:

**Visa Checker:** [https://www.travisa.com/Visa\\_Search](https://www.travisa.com/Visa_Search)

**Brazil:** <http://www.vfsglobal.com/Brazil-eVisa/>

**Paraguay:** <http://www.mre.gov.py/Sitios/Home/Contenido/consulpar-washington/287>

If you are a non U.S. passport holder, you should check with the Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay consulate to see if you have a Visa requirement. You can find this information in the following links:

**Visa Checker:** [https://www.travisa.com/Visa\\_Search](https://www.travisa.com/Visa_Search)

**Argentina:** <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/indexA.php?visas>

**Brazil:** <http://www.vfsglobal.com>

**Paraguay:** [https://embassy-finder.com/paraguay\\_visa](https://embassy-finder.com/paraguay_visa)

*If you need help finding more information, please email us at:  
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## *Traveling with Minors*

Passports for children under 16 are valid for five years and adult passports for 10 years. Please make sure to check expiration dates carefully. It is advised to check your home country's requirements about traveling with minors. If both legal guardians are traveling with the minor, there is usually no problem.

However, if only one legal guardian is traveling with a minor, that parent must have a permission from the other parent. The permission must state that the minor has permission to leave their home country and enter all of the countries they will be visiting with the present guardian and without the absent guardian.

In the U.S., this can be done by a Notary. The parent that is not traveling should type a note stating that he or she gives permission to the minor and traveling guardian to travel. Please include the minor's and traveling guardian's full name, date of birth, passport numbers, and any other important information. Once this is notarized, it should be stamped by the Secretary of State and have the Apostille of the Hague convention. These requirements can be completed at the Secretary of State. Please check with your respective state for more information.

# APPLYING FOR VISAS

## US Passport Holders

You should start the application for all documentation requirements as soon as possible. Although the processing times are usually under a month, holidays or even lost paperwork may affect your application.

## For Brazil

The Brazilian Visa application is an online application. You can access the visa application form here: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/brazil/online/home/index>

1. Click Apply Now.
2. Log In or if you do not already have an account register.
3. You will then start your Visa application. The application will ask you for the following documents:
  - a) Photo - Your head height, measured from the top of your head, including the hair, to the bottom of your chin, must be 70% of the photo's total height. For more photo specifications: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/brazil/online/home/photo-specification>
  - b) Passport bio page - Your passport's expiration date must be at least six months away.
  - c) Address page (non-mandatory).
- 4) Review all information to ensure it is correct.
- 5) Submit the Visa your details once you are done.
- 6) Pay the Visa fee of 50 USD, plus the Service fee of 4.24 USD.
- 7) Your e-Visa should be processed within 5 business days. If your application has exceeded five business days, please contact a Brazilian consulate: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/brazil/online/home/contact-us>

*If you need help or more information, please feel free to contact us at: [info@escapewonder.com](mailto:info@escapewonder.com)*

# APPLYING FOR VISAS

## *For Paraguay*

Please note: In order to activate the visa you must travel within six months after it was issued. If the visa is not activated within six months after issuing, a new application will be necessary to submit. Therefore, the earliest you should be applying for a Visa is six months before your trip. The processing of this Visa may take up to 4 weeks or more. Please try to apply for your visa at least two months before your trip. You must complete the application form and apply for the visa by mail or in-person at an Paraguay Consulate.

1. You can access the visa application form here:  
<http://www.mre.gov.py/Sitios/Home/Index/consulpar-la/ENG>
2. Press "Download Application Form."
3. You will then start your Visa application. The application will ask you for the following documents:
  - a) Personal information and passport number: Your passport's expiration date must be at least six months away.
  - b) Information about your visit to Paraguay. We will provide you with this information 6 months before your trip.
  - c) Address page (non-mandatory).
- 4) Make a payment of 160 USD by Money Order or Cashier's Check issued to **CONSULATE GENERAL OF PARAGUAY**. Personal check and credit cards are not accepted.
- 5) If applying in-person you must schedule an appointment at the closest consulate. The number for the Paraguay Consulate in Los Angeles is (310) 417-9500. If you need help finding a consulate near you please email us at [info@escapewonder.com](mailto:info@escapewonder.com). The processing time of in-person visas usually takes a couple of hours; visas are ready for pick up at 3:00 pm. At your appointment you must present (1) visa application form fully completed and signed, (2) original passport that must be valid for at least 6 months and (3) one passport picture, in color, standard size 2x2, clear background without glasses.
- 6) If applying by mail please provide (1) visa application form fully completed and signed, (2) original passport that must be valid for at least 6 months, (3) one passport picture, in color, standard size, (4) pre-paid return envelope in

# APPLYING FOR VISAS

## *For Paraguay*

color, standard size, (4) pre-paid return envelope in order to mail back your passport and visa, (5) Certified mail with tracking number Fedex, UPS, USPS, (5) Do not forget to enclose the payment : Deposit Receipt of City Bank, or Money Order. Processing time by mail is approximately 1 week.

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# Suggested Checklist

## Documents

- Passport & Photo ID
- Cash or Credit Card
- Health Insurance Cards/Documents
- Travel Insurance Information
- Emergency Contacts List
- Reservation & Itinerary (Digital & Print)
- Frequent Flyer Information

## Personal Care Items

- Active and Lounge Wear for Each Day
- Toiletries Under 3 oz in Clear Bag
- Personal Hygiene Products (Toothpaste, Deodorant, etc.)
- Sunscreen & Skincare Products (Sunglasses, Hats, etc.)
- Electrical Converters & Chargers
- Medication (Prescribed and/or Commercial)
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Bug Repellent
- Running and/or hiking footwear
- Swimwear

**Carry-on Luggage:** Plan on bringing a backpack or bag that is easy to carry and can fit under an airplane seat. You must be able to lift your carry-on bag into the overhead locker by yourself. Most airlines also require bags to be smaller than approximately 22 inches high x 9 inches deep x 14 inches wide.

**Check-in Luggage:** Please check with your airline for the exact dimension and weight policies regarding your luggage. These dimensions and weight restrictions vary by airline.

# Plan Your ESCAPE





# Safety First

## Free Smart Traveler Enrollment Program

For any trip abroad, it is important to be prepared. If you would like to receive free updates about your destination you can sign up for the U.S. state travel Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <https://step.state.gov/step/>

## Medical Coverage Abroad

In order to discover the possibilities of medical coverage abroad, visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/your-health-abroad/insurance-providers-overseas.html>

## Health / Vaccination Requirements

Immunizations are NOT currently required. However, you may wish to consult your personal physician or local public health authorities for suggestions.



# REPELLENT

Upon arrival, we will provide each guest with bug repellent. However, please remember that most of your excursions will be in the middle of the Rainforest. There are millions of mosquitos in Iguazu. Even if you spend your whole trip in the Hotel, you are bound to have mosquito bites. In South America there have been various cases of Zika and other diseases that are spread by mosquitoes. Therefore, you should make sure to apply repellent multiple times a day. Here are links for more information regarding the Zika Virus:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/your-health-abroad/zika-virus-information-for-travelers.html>  
*If you have any concerns, please consult your personal physician or local public health authorities for their suggestions.*

## Sunscreen

We will provide our travelers with a bottle of sunscreen. Regardless of the season, we suggest bringing extra sunscreen with your preferred SPF. We recommend bringing both facial and waterproof sunscreen with at least 30 SPF. If you have any more questions, please consult your personal physician or local public health authorities for their suggestions.

## Sunburn Relief

Unfortunately, we currently do not provide our travelers with creams for sunburn relief. Therefore, please feel free to bring your own. If you forget to bring some, we can refer you to a pharmacy.

In case of an emergency, Iguazu only has one hospital, SAMIC, located on Victoria Aguirre Street. It is a public hospital and provides free care. However, we suggest you pay for services so that locals with few resources can use the hospital's free services.



## Local Currency

If you plan to shop for gifts or spend any money while in Argentina, Brazil, or Paraguay, you will need cash in the local currency. You may bring and exchange US dollars for local currency upon your arrival. Certain debit cards will allow you to extract money in the local currency at an ATM. Please call your bank and inform them which countries you will be visiting, and on what days, to prevent your credit card from being declined. [We recommend bringing U.S. dollars in bills of 20, 50 and 100.](#) These bills are easier to exchange.

## Credit Cards

Hotels, restaurants and some stores will accept major credit cards. The most accepted cards are Visa debit, and MasterCard. Discover, American Express and Citi are not widely accepted in these areas. Please call your bank and inform them the dates of your trip and the countries you will be visiting (including the countries in which you have layovers) to prevent your credit card from being declined. [We recommend bringing a Visa Debit and/or credit card in addition to cash.](#)

*Please note: that you are subject to international fees while using your card abroad. Check with your bank concerning fees and use of card abroad.*

## Local Currency

**Argentina** : Argentina Pesos | **Brazil**: Brazilian Real | **Paraguay**: Guarani



# Electronics

## *Cellular Devices*

If you plan on using your phone out of the country, please ensure to call your cell phone service company. Many cell phone services have international plans that enable text messages, voice calls, and 3G/4G usage abroad. If you choose to use your cell phone abroad without an international plan, your cell phone service may charge you high international fees.

## *Drones / Aerial Technology*

Drones and aerial technology are currently prohibited in the Iguazu National Park. If you decide to operate a drone, it will be confiscated, you will be fined, and may be subject to jail time.

## *Voltage Converters. & Adapters*

The standard voltage in Argentina, Brazil, & Paraguay is 220V. The U.S. uses 110V. Please ensure that your electronic device can resist 220-240V. If not, please purchase a voltage converter before your travel. Most cell phone chargers have converters incorporated within their design which allows the device to be used in countries that have 110-240V. Outlet plugs also differ depending on the country. Paraguay requires an adaptor with two round points. Argentina has two variations and Brazil's outlets vary as well. We suggest you make the proper adjustments per device.



# Weather

**Please remember: The weather is very unpredictable. Therefore, do not trust the weather channel or any weather apps. When traveling to Iguazu, you should always keep in mind that no matter what season it is, it can be extreme hot and still rain heavily in the same day. So please, always bring some shorts, short sleeve shirts, an umbrella, and a raincoat.**

## *Summer (December to March)*

Summers in Puerto Iguazu are very hot, sunny and humid! The average temperature is 86°F to 95°F. We recommend you bring light clothing, hats and shorts! However, don't forget that Iguazu has an average of 9 rainy days a month during this season, so even though it will be hot, you should still bring your raincoat!

## *Autumn (March to June)*

During Autumn, the temperature can surpass 77°F and can get as low as 57°F. This is a cooler season in Iguazu, lovely for those who cannot stand the heat. However, the humidity can reach 80%, which means that even if it cools off, you will probably still sweat. Although it can get hot during the day, it can get pretty chilly at night. We recommend you to bring a mix of jeans, shorts, long sleeves, and short sleeves. Despite the season, Iguazu is a rainforest, so remember your raincoat and appropriate footwear.

## *Winter (June to September)*

Iguazu is known to be very hot, but when winter comes around, it surprises everyone. Although some days can get as low as 58°F, the high during winter is still 80°F. Depending on the weather, we recommend jeans, long sleeve shirts, gloves, hats and jackets. Even so, don't forget a couple of shorts and your raincoat!

## *Spring (September to December)*

This season is known to have the least amount of humidity. The high can reach 84°F, while the low can be 60°F. It is normal for there to be a rainy day in between every couple of hot sunny days. Please be prepared for it to surpass the high predictions. Iguazu's weather is very unpredictable. Therefore, we recommend a mix of long sleeve and short sleeve clothing. As always, please remember your raincoat!