Jewish Art & Culture in South America: Buenos Aires & Rio de Janeiro with the Jewish Museum
April 19–28, 2020
INTRODUCTION

Discover vibrant Jewish communities on an eight-night journey through the enriching cultural landscapes of Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro. On this once-in-a-lifetime trip, you’ll stroll through the Beaux-Arts architecture of the Recoleta, tour the working studios of artists in the Jewish Museum Collection, and enjoy private excursions to the historic Teatro Colón and Templo Libertad. Take a closer look at the revolutionary designs of Roberto Burle Marx, visit the elegant arches of the Museu do Açude, tour the Niterói Contemporary Art Museum, explore Eva Klabin’s opulent estate, and much more.

TRAVEL WITH THE JEWISH MUSEUM

For more than a century the Jewish Museum has remained committed to preserving and presenting the artistic and cultural heritage of the Jewish people for the understanding and enjoyment of current and future generations. Travel with us beyond the Museum walls on an enriching and memorable journey exploring Jewish culture through art.

TRAVELING WITH YOU

Darsie Alexander leads the Jewish Museum curatorial team in organizing exhibitions that reflect the diversity of Jewish culture. She is developing an exhibition on the legendary Argentinian artist Marta Minujin, and contributed significantly to scholarship on the art of Brazil and Argentina in her recent exhibition, *International Pop (2015-2016)*, which traveled to Minneapolis, Dallas, and Philadelphia.

Image: Eva Klabin house, Rio de Janeiro, © Evan Klabin Foundation

Image: Darsie Alexander
DETAILED ITINERARY

Sunday, April 19
Departure
Depart on overnight flight to Buenos Aires.

Monday, April 20
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Arrive in Buenos Aires this morning and transfer to the hotel. We will meet and enjoy a continental breakfast upon arrival. Then embark on a walking tour of the Recoleta area, a strollable, affluent neighborhood known for Paris-style townhouses, lavish former palaces, and posh boutiques. Visit the beautiful La Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of Eva Perón and many other prominent Argentinians. Next, explore the Recoleta Cultural Center, a cutting-edge gallery and performance space where we will meet a local artist. Partake in the entrancing charm of the still-thriving “Café Society” at a local coffee house, where locals discuss art, culture, and the state of the world. This evening, enjoy a private reception and dinner at the Alvear Palace Hotel with its owner, an Argentinian entrepreneur and economist, who will tell the fascinating story of his family’s long history within the Jewish community of Buenos Aires.  

B,L,R,D

Tuesday, April 21
Buenos Aires
This morning, take part in a behind-the-scenes tour of Teatro Colón, a 19th-century opera house that has hosted some of the world’s most famous singers including Plácido Domingo, José Carreras, Luciano Pavarotti, Maria Callas, and Joan Sutherland. At the Templo Libertad, a renowned synagogue and Jewish history museum, enjoy a private musical performance. Journey to the Plaza Embajada de Israel (Israel Embassy Square) to solemnly lay a flower in tribute to the victims of the 1992 Embassy bombing. Later, visit AMIA, the Community Center rebuilt after the 1994 terrorist attack, a focal point of Jewish life, culture, and learning in Argentina since 1894. In the evening, attend a private reception and dinner with invited guests.  

B,R,D

Wednesday, April 22
Buenos Aires
Enjoy an exclusive visit to the studio of Marta Minujín, one of Argentina’s most prominent contemporary artists. Also discover the workshop of world-renowned silversmith Marcelo Toledo, who has crafted jewelry for royals, presidents, and celebrities, for a rare viewing of his finest pieces. Next, meet privately with Jorge Eckstein to tour the strange network of ancient tunnels he discovered beneath his house, which he has refurbished into El Zanjón de Granados, a stunning underground museum. Later, attend an exclusive champagne reception with Jewish Museum collection artist Catalina Chervin, whose evocative and introspective works have been displayed around the world. In the evening, enjoy a private tango performance.  

B,L,R

Thursday, April 23
Buenos Aires / Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Today take a morning flight to Rio and transfer to the hotel. We’ll gather for lunch then the afternoon is free to explore sites like Copacabana Beach, Parque Estadual da Chacrinha, or Fort Copacabana on your own. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.  

B,L,D
Friday, April 24
Rio de Janeiro
This morning, explore the pristine beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana. Stroll the Copacabana Promenade, an over two-and-a-half-mile-long landscape of mosaic sidewalk paving designed by modernist landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx. Afterward, ascend iconic Mount Corcovado by a cogwheel train for unforgettable views of the city and Guanabara Bay. Shabbat dinner will be held at the hotel with local Jewish community members, and services will be offered at the Beth El Synagogue. B,D

Saturday, April 25
Rio de Janeiro
Today is a day of leisure for those in observance. Join us for an optional walking tour of Rio neighborhoods and visit the beautiful gardens and elegant arches of the Museu do Açude, a museum housed in a gorgeous colonial-style mansion in Tijuca National Park. Founded in 1964 by entrepreneur and art enthusiast Raymundo Ottoni de Castro Maya, the site melds his private collection of paintings with landscape photography, a curation of contemporary Brazilian pieces, and vast grounds that are representative of the natural beauty of Rio’s exotic flora. B,L

Sunday, April 26
Rio de Janeiro
The morning focuses on the rich history of Rio de Janeiro’s Jewish communities. Tour the magnificent Grande Templo Israelita (Great Israelite Temple), impeccably restored by media magnate Adolpho Bloch in the 1980s; see Jewish markers and institutions in the area, including the much-lauded Eliezer Steinbarg Max Nordau School and a monument to Yitzhak Rabin; and visit a central hub of life in the city, the Jewish Federation. Then enjoy a guided excursion to Carpintaria, a contemporary art gallery on the grounds of the Jockey Club. Finally, enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea and mingle with local friends of the Jewish Museum. B,L,T

Monday, April 27
Rio de Janeiro
Begin the day with a private visit to the home of late art collector and philanthropist Eva Klabin. Built in the Norman style and landscaped by Roberto Burle Marx, the house exhibits Klabin’s extensive, highly eclectic, and personally arranged artistic acquisitions. Then, marvel at the saucer-shaped Niterói Contemporary Art Museum, a quintessential example of the curvilinear style of prominent modernist Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer. This afternoon, visit the home of a local resident for a reception and tour of their private art collection. Tonight enjoy a festive farewell dinner. B,R,D

Tuesday, April 28
Rio de Janeiro / Return
Transfer to the airport for flights home

Please note this itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Arrangements Abroad and The Jewish Museum. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.
ACCOMMODATIONS

The Alvear Palace Hotel, Buenos Aires
In the trendy Buenos Aires neighborhood of La Recoleta, this five-star hotel boasts guestrooms, suites, and public areas in a modern French style, with stunning rooftop views and an indoor heated pool.

Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro
Re-opened in 2019 after a top-to-bottom renovation, this iconic hotel is perched on Copacabana beach a short distance from Ipanema. Built and decorated with 1950s carioca flair, the Fairmont features 388 rooms with dazzling views of Rio’s majestic beauty.

PROGRAM RATE
$7,999 per person, double rate
$9,999 single rate

Rates Includes:
Eight nights accommodations as per itinerary; meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, T=Tea, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals, house wine at welcome and farewell dinners; airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights; internal flight between Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro; enrichment program of lectures and talks; escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits; gratuities to local guides and drivers; taxes, service, and porterage charges.

Not Included:
International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.
REGISTRATION FORM

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To reserve a place, please call Arrangements Abroad at phone: 212.514.8921 or 800.221.1944, fax: 212.344.7493; or complete and return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person (of which $500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to Arrangements Abroad.

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In full as on passport. Please print.

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☐ MasterCard

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ACCOMMODATION PREFERENCE:

Hotel room preference

☐ One bed

☐ Two beds

☐ Single

I wish to share a room with

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