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JUNE 16 - 28, 2003



Becoming American: Perspectives on Immigration in the Americas
NEW YORK CITY & BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Greetings Fellow Educators and Travelers.

We are excited to tell you about a new travel study course to New York City and Buenos Aires, Argentina that we will be leading next summer! You will find yourself immersed in the culture of these cities as you navigate the streets, ports and neighborhoods -- visiting local immigrant communities, talking to educators, interviewing immigrant families, and visiting museums and research centers. The goal of this program is to provide a field experience that allows you to understand how generations of immigrants have "become American," comparing the experiences of migrants in two exciting cities in North and South America.

Using a hands-on research approach, we will explore immigrant neighborhoods and examine opportunities for social mobility, immigrant education and the changing concepts of national identity. Highlights of our stay in New York City include visits to the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the Lower East Side Tenement House Museum. Following five days in NYC, we will depart for Buenos Aires, the Paris of Latin America. In Argentina, we will spend one night at a working ranch, visit local hot springs, tour the first rural colonies established by French and Swiss farmers in the 1860s, participate in guided tours of Buenos Aires museums and immigrant neighborhoods, and learn the tango -- Argentina's national dance! In both New York City and Buenos Aires, we will have the opportunity to meet with other educators and museum curators, conduct interviews and work on individual projects. Knowledge of Spanish is not necessary; translation will be provided.

This course is designed for K-12 teachers who have an interest in social studies, history, Spanish language instruction or ESL; however, any educator interested in exploring this topic is invited to participate. Advanced undergraduate students and those interested in Public History will find the trip equally rewarding. We will work with you to tailor projects that meet your individual curricula or research interests. In addition to the travel component, two pre-trip class meetings will be offered during the spring semester, dates and times to be arranged. The package price of this program includes the cost of three Wisconsin resident undergraduate or graduate credits which will be awarded upon successful completion of the academic requirements.

We hope you will join us on this unique travel study experience. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have about the itinerary or course requirements. If you have questions about the application or credit registration process, contact Terry Behlke (behlket@uww.edu) or Kathy Gibbs (gibbsk@uww.edu) at the UW-Whitewater Travel Study Programs Office. You may also reach them at 800/621-5376 (toll free) or local area at 262/472-1003.

Sincerely,

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NEW YORK CITY AND BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Tentative Itinerary planned for June 16 - 28, 2003

B=breakfast; L=lunch; D=dinner

MONDAY, JUNE 16 (Madison to New York City)

Like migrants of the last century, we will begin our journey in bustling New York City. After settling into our hotel, we're off for an evening walking tour of midtown Manhattan. We'll see the bright lights of Times Square, view the city from atop the Empire State Building and catch the flavor of New York's vibrant immigrant districts. D

TUESDAY, JUNE 17 (New York City)

Our day begins at the unique Lower East Side Tenement Museum, the only living history museum in the nation dedicated to the experience of European immigrants. Curators have designed a special program for us that includes a tour of the museum's restored tenement building, the local immigrant neighborhood, and a workshop on researching and teaching the immigrant past. Next stop is lunch in nearby Chinatown, followed by a ferry ride across New York Bay. We'll spend the afternoon at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, the port of entry for over 22 million people from 1892-1924. In the evening, we'll share dinner in Manhattan with a small group of New York City public school teachers. BLD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 (New York City)

Following a tour of the Statue of Liberty, we will return to Ellis Island where we'll have the opportunity to meet with the curators and use the museum's archives. The evening will be free to explore Manhattan. B

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 (New York City)

Today we visit the Center for Migration Studies on Staten Island, a specialized library dedicated to the study of international migration, refugees and ethnic groups. Here we can gather materials from the center's large collection of newspapers, periodicals and photographs. The return ferry ride affords a spectacular view of the New York skyline. Then it's dinner at Coney Island and a walking tour of Little Odessa, home to many recent Russian immigrants. BL

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 (Depart for Argentina)

Enjoy a relaxing morning on our last day in New York before visiting the Henry Street Settlement, a neighborhood center founded in 1893 to serve the immigrant poor which is still active today. From Henry Street we'll have lunch in Little Italy, a popular tourist destination. There is time for last minute shopping before being transferred to the airport for our overnight flight to Argentina with meals enroute. BL

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 (Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Welcome to Buenos Aires, one of the most beautiful capital cities in the world! Our exploration of the immigrant experience begins on the pampas, the vast grasslands that first attracted immigrant families to Argentina. We will travel north by private motorcoach to Concepcion, where we'll spend the night at an elegant 19th century rural mansion. At the San Pedro mansion, center of a large dude ranch, we'll be treated to a traditional barbeque lunch, and then will visit the Palacio San Jose for an introduction to Argentine history. BLD

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 (Buenos Aires)

After a leisurely breakfast, we'll board our bus for a guided tour that will take us to San Jose and Villa Elisa, two of the oldest and best preserved immigrant colonies in Argentina. Before

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 (continued)

departing for Buenos Aires, we'll detour in Villa Elisa's thermal baths and arrive refreshed in Buenos Aires in time for dinner at an old world German restaurant. BLD

MONDAY, JUNE 23 (Buenos Aires)

We'll spend our first day in Buenos Aires immersed in two of the city's most fascinating and ever-changing immigrant neighborhoods, San Telmo and La Boca. Our guide will tell us about Italian immigrant life in these neighborhoods and the impact they had on Argentine history. She'll even teach us to tango! BLD

TUESDAY, JUNE 24 (Buenos Aires)

Our morning begins at the Hotel de Inmigrantes, the Argentine counterpart to Ellis Island. A tour of the exhibits and interview with a curator will help us compare how the immigrant experience has been remembered through public museums in Argentina and the United States. After a walking tour and lunch in the Recoleta neighborhood, home to Argentina's wealthiest families, we'll visit the Museo de Bella Artes. A guided tour of this fine arts museum will highlight the depiction of immigrants in the nation's art. In the late afternoon and evening, relax in the hotel or explore the chic bars, shops and cinemas in this arts and culture district. BL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 (Buenos Aires)

Today will be dedicated to guided visits at the Museo de la Ciudad (The Buenos Aires Museum) and the Centrol de Estudios Migratorios Latino Americanos (the Latin American Center for Migration Studies), where we will learn how immigration is studied in Argentina. We'll further explore this theme at lunch with a group of Buenos Aires school teachers. Our dinner at a traditional Spanish restaurant will remind us of the enduring influence of the large Spanish migration. B

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 (Buenos Aires)

We'll spend the morning in the Escobar suburb, home to thousands of recent Bolivian migrants. Interviews with community leaders and presentations by our guide will introduce us to the questions posed by immigration in modern day Argentina. After lunching on Peruvian cuisine, we'll take water taxis to the Tigre Delta. This group of resort islands, home to country clubs and scenic walking paths, also houses the Museo Sarmiento (summer home to the former president Domingo Sarmiento). Our afternoon at the Tigre Delta will include a visit to the Museo Sarmiento and a leisurely discussion of Argentine history accompanied by a sampling of local pastries. Return to the hotel; evening activities at your leisure. BLD

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 (Buenos Aires.....and return to U.S.)

On our last day in Buenos Aires, we'll visit the Italian and Spanish consulates where we'll find the descendants of former immigrants applying for exit visas. In assisted interviews, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about this reverse migration. The afternoon is free for shopping and sightseeing. Transfer to airport for your flight which departs that evening and arrives in Madison the next morning, June 28. Meals enroute. BL

PACKAGE PRICE:

\$3300.00 Land & Air - Twin Share (\$325 Single Supplement)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PACKAGE PRICE: \$3300.00 (dbl occ/twin share)
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 325.00 (singles are limited in number)
The cost of this program is based on a minimum of 15 passengers. Single rooms are limited and requests will be handled on a first-come first-served basis. UW-Whitewater reserves the right to cancel the tour if a minimum of 10 full-paying participants is not reached, and will refund all deposits. *Note: Please keep in mind that passengers who choose to deviate from the stated tour departure/return dates may not be included in the total number of passengers for which the group rates have been negotiated.*

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS:

A reservation deposit of \$500 is required by January 15, 2003. Final payment is due to UW-Whitewater by April 15, 2003. Reservations made after January 15 will be accepted only on a space available basis and must include full payment. Late bookings may be subject to an additional charge. Payments are accepted in cash, check, or with Visa or MasterCard credit cards.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES:

All cancellations must be received in writing. The following penalties will apply to persons cancelling within the following time periods:

- Up to 90 days prior to departure: \$175 per person
- 89 - 61 days prior: \$275.00 per person
- 60 - 31 days prior: 35% of land cost and 100% air cost
- 30 - 07 days prior: 50% tour cost & 100% air cost

Less than 7 days or no-shows: Total cost is nonrefundable.

If a cancellation results in another person being forced into a single room situation, the refund due the person cancelling will be reduced by an additional \$325.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Domestic airfare from Madison to New York City
- International airfare from New York to Argentina and return to Wisconsin. Ticket and foreign departure taxes.
- Four nights in New York City, including hotel taxes.
- Six nights in Argentina, including hotel taxes.
- Most meals per itinerary; all breakfasts at hotels in Argentina (In some cases, meals will be provided as part of the tour arrangements made through Gate1. In most situations, the leaders are making independent arrangements, and a per person meal allocation has been built into the budget.)
- Three undergraduate or graduate credits (WI Res); all instructional costs of UW-W faculty tour leaders; honoraria and expenses of on-site faculty colleagues who will periodically serve as guides.
- CISI Insurance (health & accident/evacuation & repatriation coverage)
- Admissions to sites listed on the final itinerary
- Driver and baggage handling tips in Argentina.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Beverages; Meals not included in the itinerary or items not listed on standard group menus.
- Trip cancellation or baggage loss insurance
- Porterage or tips
- Fees for passports, visas or other travel documents
- Tips for services of hotel and restaurant staff
- Any personal expenses

Walking tours in the cities and use of public transportation are essential components of this field experience.

SPECIAL REQUESTS.

Any special requests should be made directly with Gate1, our tour operator, prior to application. Arrangements may be beyond Gate1's control and cannot be guaranteed. Passengers who require any form of assistance (i.e., in the case of a disability) must travel with a companion to provide for personal assistance and care.

DEVIATIONS:

Any passenger deviating from the group flights will be subject to

the airline charges for the actual itinerary of the deviating passenger, taxes, stopover charges, weekend surcharges, etc., in addition to a \$200 deviation fee charged by Gate1 Travel.

INSURANCE:

All participants of credit-bearing travel study programs offered by UW-Whitewater are required to have health and accident insurance and evacuation and repatriation insurance. The CISI World Class Coverage Plan designed specifically for participants in University of Wisconsin programs, will be included in the package cost of this program. A brochure describing this coverage will be provided prior to departure. We also recommend that you check with your own health insurance provider to verify if your current coverage applies overseas. Ascertain whether payment will be made to the overseas hospital or doctor or whether you will be reimbursed later for expenses incurred. We also strongly encourage you to purchase trip cancellation insurance in the event you should have to cancel because of an emergency. You may want to consult with your insurance agent or your local travel agent or search the Internet for information about trip cancellation insurance.

ACADEMIC CREDIT:

Three undergraduate or graduate credits are offered through the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Department of History. Credit registration information will be provided upon receipt of your initial deposit.

CONFIRMATION AND TRAVEL TIPS:

Following receipt of your final payment, and 10-14 days prior to your departure, tickets and travel documents (final itinerary, and hotel phone/fax numbers) will be mailed out. If you plan to be gone during this period of time, you must inform UW-Whitewater of another address/phone where you can be reached.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Tour arrangements have been made on behalf of UW-Whitewater (UWW) by Gate1 Travel, the tour operator. Gate1 acts solely as an agent for the sale of air transportation and other travel-related services. UW-W and Gate1 maintain no control over the personnel, equipment or operations of any entity furnishing services, products or accommodations. UW-W and Gate1 assume no responsibility or liability for, and shall not be expected, asked or required to pay for any personal injury, property damage, inconvenience, death or any other loss experienced by reason of: (1) intentional or unintentional wrongful, negligent or unauthorized act or omission on the part of any supplier, (2) any defect, breakdown or other failure of any vehicle, equipment, service or product which is owned, operated or otherwise used by a supplier, (3) any financial problems causing nonperformance by any supplier, (4) any cause, condition, or event whatsoever (i.e., acts of terrorism, strikes, bad weather, transportation delays, governmental actions, disturbances, etc.) beyond the direct control of UWW or Gate1 or any of its principles, agents or sub-contractors. UWW and Gate1 reserve the right to amend the group's itinerary or make changes in the suppliers of services, including changing carriers and substituting comparable hotel accommodations where such changes are made necessary by circumstances beyond our control. All prices quoted are stated in U.S. dollars as of September 2002. Gate1 reserves the right to adjust the price due to unanticipated changes in governmental imposed taxes, significant changes in foreign currency exchange rates, or due to airline, supplier, or computer error. UWW and Gate1 reserve the right to withdraw any participant from the tour if the conduct of such member adversely affects the interests or rights of other tour members. Alternate arrangements and costs associated with this withdrawal are the responsibility of the participant.

Full or partial payment and your signature at the bottom of the application form on the reverse side constitutes agreement to all of the provisions of this tour.