

Vogue Knitting Tour to Argentina and Uruguay

October 20-30, 2018

Buenos Aires ~ Montevideo ~ Punta del Este

The daily itinerary for the tour may be found below. Registration is now open!

If you have traveled with VOGUE KNITTING in the past 3 years, you will have first consideration in signing up for this tour. We will need to receive your registration form and deposit no later than January 31, 2018

All other registration forms will then be accepted in the order in which we receive them.

*Please note that registrations will be processed
on January 3rd, as our office will be closed for the Holidays.*

Your tour itinerary: Saturday, Oct 20

For those of you who live in North America, you will have to arrange your flight to depart today in order to arrive in **BUENOS AIRES** on October 21.

If you would like to arrive in Buenos Aires prior to October 21, contact Traveling Together regarding accommodations at the CasaSur Bellini Hotel: \$102 per person, double occupancy, and \$187 for a single, including taxes & breakfast.

Sun, Oct 21

Once you arrive at **MINISTRO PISTARINI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (EZE)**, you will make your way to the **CasaSur BELLINI HOTEL**. Options for transferring from the airport to the hotel will be provided.

CasaSur Bellini Hotel is located in the heart of Palermo, one of the most distinguished areas of Buenos Aires and is within easy walking distance of upscale art galleries, renowned shopping centers and parks.

Meet the *Vogue Knitting* editor and your fellow knitters at this evenings **WELCOME DINNER**.

Mon, Oct 22

Argentina – *The name Argentina comes from the Latin word "argentum" (silver) and has been used since the first "Conquistador" (Conqueror) from Spain came to the "Rio de la Plata" (silver river). The country has 40 million inhabitants, many Spanish, Italians, Germans and French emigrated to Argentina, making it the most European influenced country in South America.*

Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, is the center of the political, economic and intellectual life of the country. It has a strong European influence which is reflected by its refined taste in cooking, its luxury boutiques and in the elegance of its inhabitants. The cosmopolitan atmosphere and the individual personality of each of its neighborhoods fascinate visitors. Almost 13 million people live here. This is the birth place of tango, which is included in the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Today's **PANORAMIC TOUR OF BUENOS AIRES** begins with an overview of the top attractions and historical sites, including 9 de Julio Avenue, Colon Theater, Plaza de Mayo, and a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral.

The city is composed of forty-eight neighborhoods (known locally as barrios). Our tour will take us to just a few of the most visited and populated barrios, beginning with San Telmo, a historical neighborhood and the oldest district of Buenos Aires. Further south is the picturesque and colorful port neighborhood of La Boca, with its famous street "Caminito" whose buildings and customs reflect the influence of European settlers who arrived during the 19th century, leaving their imprint in the multicolor houses still being used today. Next is the green area of Palermo, with its elegant mansions surrounded by spacious parks and artificial lakes. The last visit on our tour will be La Recoleta, an affluent area known for Paris-style townhouses, lavish former palaces and posh boutiques. The main attraction is Recoleta Cemetery, where national icons like Eva Perón (Evita) rest in extravagant tombs.

An English-speaking local guide will accompany us on all group excursions.

Tue, Oct 23

JOJI LOCATELLI

Joji enjoys living her life in sunny Buenos Aires, while dreaming of visiting the rest of the world armed with knitting needles and yarn. She also thinks life is much sweeter when served with coffee and chocolate! You can find her on Instagram as @jojilocat and on Facebook as Joji Knits

You will have a half-day **CLASS WITH JOJI** on how to manage your stash and group colors. She will be designing a small project just for our group, with **YARNS PROVIDED BY MALABRIGO**.

Dinner this evening will be at Café de Los Angelitos and includes a tango demonstration. Argentine tango is a musical genre and accompanying social dance originating at the end of the 19th century in the suburbs of Buenos Aires and Montevideo. It developed out of a mixture of various rhythms, which were originally danced in the poorer neighborhoods and reflects the nostalgia and melancholy of the European immigrants. Although its lyrics are difficult to understand and impossible to translate, they are profoundly poetic. Each song has a story to tell about the city, its history and its people.

Wed, Oct 24

You will have the entire day to **EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES** at your leisure. Whether you decide to visit the famous El Ateneo bookstore, or return to one of the neighborhoods we visited on our tour, you're sure to enjoy this exciting city! As always, you will be provided with a list of local yarn shops in the city.

Thu, Oct 25

This morning we check out of our hotel and transfer to Buenos Aires pier to **BOARD A FERRY TO COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO** in the neighboring country of Uruguay.

***URUGUAY** is one of South America's best kept secret, with 600 km of coastline with beautiful sandy beaches as well as stunning landscapes in the country's interior. Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and British influences make Uruguay a small country with a lot to offer.*

Colonia is one of the few remains of the colonial age in the south of South America. It is renowned for its historic quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Our **TOUR OF COLONIA** will include the picturesque streets and monuments of the oldest city in Uruguay. There will be time to stroll around and enjoy the special atmosphere of this small town, an interesting contrast to modern Buenos Aires.

This afternoon we will drive from Colonia to Uruguay's capital city, **MONTEVIDEO**. Our home for the next 5 nights is the Hyatt Centric Hotel, located in the charming upscale beach barrio of Pocitos. The hotel affords stunning views of the waterfront and an endless promenade to explore. **GROUP DINNER** tonight will be at the hotel.

Fri, Oct 26

MALABRIGO is a family-owned yarn company that has developed a line of hand-dyed yarns of incredible softness and wonderful color variations. Their products are made from the softest fibers available and are inspired by nature, as well as landscapes, places, art and day-to-day life. Be sure to visit <http://www.malabrigoyarn.com/> to learn more about how the company started by two brothers-in-law dyeing wool in a kitchen pot back in 2005 to a business that produces 18 yarn varieties in a range of more than 300 colors!

Our visit this morning to Malabrigo begins with a tour that will explain the entire process that each skein of yarn goes through, once it arrives at the mill. (Please note that you will need to climb 96 steps to reach the mill, with no elevator available.)

With prepared dyes in some of Malabrigo's most popular colorways, you will have the opportunity to be creative and **DYE YOUR OWN SKEIN OF YARN**. Then it's time to hit the shelves and bags for some yarn shopping!

This afternoon we will visit the heart of Montevideo to **EXPLORE THE CIUDAD VIEJA**, the oldest part of the city. You will have the afternoon to shop, visit the old port market and enjoy strolling along the waterfront promenade on Montevideo Bay.

Sat, Oct 27

After touring the Malabrigo mill and learning about the production of their yarns, today we visit their flock of Merino and Corriedale sheep. We will spend a good part of the day at **LA SERENA**, a ranch located in an area of Uruguay called Piedras de Afilar and owned by our host, Juan Pablo.

Although this small flock does not cover Malabrigo's whole production, it's a great show case of how their sheep are bred and treated to ensure their humane, high-quality care of their flock in order to produce the best quality fibers.

Experts will be on hand to tell us all about these breeds and then it's time for lunch! ***You'll be treated to a typical Uruguayan asado***, with different kinds of grilled meats and vegetables and accompanied by Uruguayan red and white wine. After enjoying some homemade desserts and a walk around the ranch, we will make the drive back to our hotel.

Sun, Oct 28

This morning we drive to **PUNTA DEL ESTE**, known as the St. Tropez of Uruguay for its miles of beautiful, pristine beaches. Our tour will begin with a scenic drive through Punta del Este's most fashionable and impressive neighborhoods, with a stop at Punta Ballena for sweeping views up and down the coast.

We will make a visit to Casapueblo, the home and atelier of internationally renowned artist Carlos Paez Vilaró. This dazzling white complex, resembling Spanish-Moroccan architecture, is situated on a rocky bluff overlooking the ocean. Vilaró built it in 1958 with his own hands using only traditional tools. Narrow steps lead to a maze of rooms scattered on different levels and filled with the artist's works.

Next is La Barra, with its unique hanging bridges, and then a drive along the wide variety of fine sandy beaches, including Playa Brava, with the famous sculpture of La Mano (the hand) by Chilean artist Mario Irarrázabal.

Our last stop will be the downtown area, with time for lunch and shopping.

Mon, Oct 29

MANOS DEL URUGUAY is celebrating their 50th anniversary!

The Manos Cooperatives were founded in 1968, begun by five women whose goal was to develop economic opportunities for women in a country where there were, and are still, few opportunities for work. Over the last 50 years the Manos Cooperatives have expanded to encompass 17 individual cooperatives, employing 350 artisans.

Although it is not feasible to visit the individual villages, with the help of Lisa Myers, owner of Fairmount Fibers Ltd., the US distributor of Manos yarns and Cecilia Lalanne, director of the handknitting division of Manos del Uruguay, there will be ***a presentation about Manos and the opportunity to buy their yarns***.

With each purchased skein of Manos del Uruguay yarn you will be helping a woman to support her family. Each skein is signed, so you will know who made your yarn, and from which village it came. Be sure to visit <http://fairmountfibers.com/about-manos> to learn more about this enterprising organization.

There will be time today to explore the area around the hotel, prior to tonight's **FAREWELL DINNER** at our hotel.

Tue, Oct 30 (Please note that most flights will not arrive in the U.S. until tomorrow, Oct. 31st)

You will need to arrange for your flight home to depart from **CARRASCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MVD)**. Although there are some flights to the U.S. that depart early and late morning, the majority are scheduled in the evening. ***There will be a group transfer that will have everyone at the airport in time for flights that depart 7:00pm or later.*** For earlier flights, your tour escort will help you arrange shared rides, if there are others with flights departing around the same time of day.

Included in your tour:

- *Hotels
- *Breakfast each morning
- *4 Dinners & 1 lunch, as noted in the itinerary
- *Tango performance
- *Tour and yarn dyeing session at Malabrigo Mill
- *Presentation by Manos del Uruguay
- *Visit to La Serena and Punta del Este
- *Land travel by private motorcoach and ferry ride to Uruguay
- *Group tours & activities
- *An English-speaking local guide to accompany all group excursions
- *Hosted by a *Vogue Knitting* editor
- *Escorted by a professional tour leader
- *Yarn shopping and more!

Tour Price:

\$ 3575 per person, double occupancy

\$ 689 single supplement

(Airfare is not included in the cost of your tour)

Space is limited....book today!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Be sure to read all 2018 TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS prior to signing and sending in your registration.

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Any luggage fees, taxes or other costs related to arriving at the airport in Buenos Aires and departing from Montevideo Airport, are the responsibility of the individual.

Please note:

This tour is best experienced by walking. In order to fully enjoy yourself, you will need to be able to walk distances of up to 5 city blocks at any one time, and at a moderate pace. You will need to climb flights of stairs, including the 96 steps to reach Malabrigo Mill, with no elevator available. Be sure to read over our Terms and Conditions and then if you have any questions about your ability to join the tour, please give our office a call and we will be happy to discuss this with you, in more detail.

TO REGISTER:

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