

# Journey to Catholic South America

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Saint John's Abbey invites you to take part in a wonderful and exotic tour of beautiful Catholic South America. Our focus will be on Brazil and Argentina with time spent in bustling São Paulo, the inspirational village of Aparecida, exotic Rio de Janeiro, and the "Paris of the South," Buenos Aires.

### SÃO PAULO

Home to more than 17 million people, São Paulo is the largest city in South America and Brazil's bustling economic and financial center. Waves of immigration brought a mix of cultures and cuisines, reflected in the variety of restaurants, many theaters, opera, and dance companies. Our trip to this cultural capital of Brazil will include the beautiful São Paulo Cathedral and a visit to the tomb of St. Anthony of Saint Anne Galvão, Brazil's only saint. Friar Galvão, well known for his piety and miraculous healing, is buried in the Recolhimento Church. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007.

### APARECIDA

On our drive to Rio de Janeiro, we will stop by Aparecida and visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida, the patron saint of Brazil, the fourth most popular Marian shrine in the world. The basilica enshrines a miraculous clay statue of the Virgin Mary found by three fishermen in 1717.

## RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazil's incredible Rio de Janeiro is without a doubt one of the world's most impressive cities. Stretched between jungle-covered mountains and the Atlantic, Rio de Janeiro's long golden beaches, iconic views, and exuberant cultural life will leave a lasting impression. Simply enjoying the views over Copacabana, Ipanema, Sugarloaf Mountain and the iconic *Christ the Redeemer* statue will leave you breathless. We will celebrate Mass at the cathedral and visit a Benedictine monastery. Our tour takes in all the highlights, as well as gives you time to relax on the beaches.

## IGUAZU FALLS

We will fly to Argentina, stopping along the way to see the incredible natural wonder of Iguazu Falls. Our first glimpse of the mighty falls will be a striking aerial view as our plane comes in to land near the Brazil border. With over 270 separate falls, some up to 260 feet high, cascading down amongst the lush green of the Amazon, Iguazu Falls is one of the largest and most impressive waterfalls in the world. While there, we will have the chance to explore the Amazon Jungle and experience the incredible Iguazu Falls from both Brazil and Argentina.

## BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, twice visited by Pope John Paul II, has a population that is 89% Catholic. Its reputation for fine wine, the tango, football, and the best steaks in the world is not unfounded; this city has more to offer than the obvious. Known as the "Paris of the South" and renowned for elegant culture, the fast-paced capital is filled with museums, concert halls, churches, restaurants, architecture, and an amalgamation of old and new. We will see all the highlights, and spend a day at an exclusive



*estancia*, eating our fill at a famous Argentine *asado* (grill). At Luján we will celebrate Mass at its neo-gothic Basilica, honoring the Virgin of Luján, the patron saint of Argentina. We will visit the presidential palace, La Casa Rosada (the Pink House of Buenos Aires) where Evita and Juan Peron rallied the Argentine people from the balcony. Also we will see El Cabildo, the historic city hall dating to the 1600s and Spanish colonial times, with an artisans' market in the courtyard. We may even have the opportunity to sweep the floors dancing the tango.

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