

# 5 Days The South Of Paraguay 2019

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*any departure date*

*In 1526 Ignacio de Loyola founded the order of the Jesuits in Spain. In the beginning of the 17th century the Jesuits came to South America. With the permission of the Spanish Crown, the Order founded several small communities in order to protect the natives against the encroachments of the slave hunters and Squires. They taught farming and cultivated the Guaraní in arts, like painting, singing and many more. This type of living worked out so well that the reductions were absolutely self sufficient and very healthy. In 1767 the Spanish empire banished the Jesuits and they had to leave South America. The reductions were left by it own devices and the jungle conquered the area back. Nowadays only a few buildings and reductions have survived. Sao Miguel das Missoes in Brazil, San Ignacio Mini, Nuestra Señora de Santa Ana, Nuestra Señora de Loreto and Santa María la Mayor in Argentina, Chiquita's in Bolivia, La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue in Paraguay are witness of this glories time. We will take you back in time and to explore those communities.*

## **Day 1 Asuncion**

Arrival Internacional Airport of Asuncion. Meeting with Driver and transfer to **Hotel Cecilia 4\***.

## **Day 2 Asuncion**

Breakfast at Hotel. Half Day City Tour.

Discover the history of the Paraguayan capital: from the Spanish colonization to the independency through the prosperity time of President Lopez and at least the modernity. Among other things you will visit the Casa de la Independencia, the cathedral Metro-politana and the heroes' memorial – Panteón Nacional de los Héroeos. During your tour you have time to try a Paraguayan specialty, the Empanadas. At the end you will experience a typical South American market – Mercado 4. Overnight at **Hotel Cecilia 4\***.

## **Day 3 Asunción – Yaguarón – Bella Vista – Trinidad – Jesús**

Breakfast at Hotel. You will be picked up in the morning at your hotel and leave Asunción following the Route 1 direction south. After a short drive we will arrive in Yaguaron. There we visit the oldest church of Paraguay. It was built by the order of Franciscans and shows the virtuosity of the Guaraní Indian very well. Passing villages like San Ignacio Guazú, with the most important museum about the history of the Jesuits and Santa Rosa. After short stop in Mine Itá Cayon, where was exploted stones to bild small colonies established by the missionaries, we will visit the Jesuit reductions of Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesus Tavarangüé. Especially the reduction in Trinidad, one of the last of the Jesuits establishments in South America, is a great example of self-contained society that existed outside of regular Spanish colonial life that integrated indigenous populations with was Christian faith. In this vast open-air museum you can admire the impressive design, which in their time served as place of residence for about 4,000 people. The detailed stone work is a testament to the high artistic skills of the Guarani Indians, who obtained them under the guidance of the Jesuit Order. After visiting this historical site we go to our hotel in Bella Vista. Overnight at **Hotel Papillón 3\* Bella Vista**.

## **Day 4: Bella Vista – Asunción**

After breakfast we will visit one of the biggest factories for the Yerba Mate of the country. Yerba Mate is the most popular drink in Paraguay. You can drink it either warm or cold and then it is called *Tereré*. While driving back to Asunción you will stop in Villa Florida for a short break. **Hotel Cecilia 4\***.

## **Day 5 Asuncion**

Breakfast at Hotel. Pick Up from Hotel and transfer to Internacional Airport with Driver Only.

Valid until December 30, 2019 (Subject to change without prior notice, due to USD exchange rate variations)

<b>The South of Paraguay (5d/4n)</b>	<b>Base 1 pax</b>	<b>Base 2 pax</b>	<b>Base 3/4 Pax</b>			<b>Base 5/6 Pax</b>	
<b>Programme</b>	<b>SGL</b>	<b>SGL</b>	<b>1/2 DBL</b>	<b>SGL</b>	<b>1/2 DBL</b>	<b>SGL</b>	<b>1/2 DBL</b>
Cecilia 4* (3n) + Bella Vista 3* (1n)	USD 1.405	USD 858	USD 815	USD 743	USD 620	USD 556	USD 478

**Service included:**

- Private Car with air-conditioning
- Guide in English
- Overnight stay in mentioned hotels incl. breakfast
- Entrance to the museum and the ruins

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