



BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO

IGUASSU FALLS

ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES

BARILOCHE



**Sandra Ross**  
Horticulturist & Tour Leader

*I am thrilled to be leading this, our first tour to South America.*

*The cities of Buenos Aires & Rio de Janeiro are exotic, exciting & very different. BA has an elegant European influence with a Tango heritage. Rio de Janeiro dances to the Samba, with its glorious beaches & its café culture.*

*We will visit the gardens of it's famous 'son'*

*Roberto Burle Marx. Ever since I watched "The Mission" I have yearned to visit Iguassu Falls; its majesty & power is incredibly exciting.*

*Bariloche in Patagonia in the foothills of the mighty Andes completes a fantastic holiday, one you will treasure.*

*Sandra*



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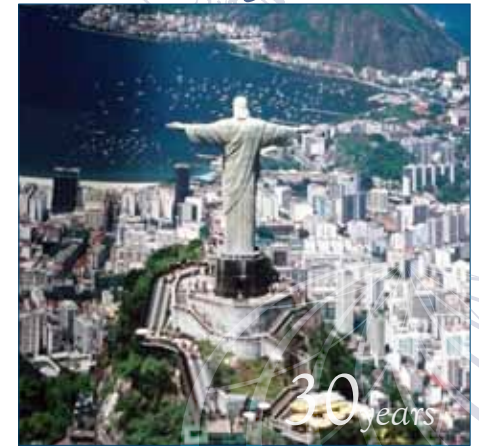
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The Gardens of

# Argentina & Brazil



**1 – 17 OCTOBER 2010**

**Small Group**

**Deluxe Accommodation**

**Special Selection of Gardens**

**Escorted by Sandra Ross**



**DAY 1 FRI 1 OCT 10**

*Buenos Aires (D)*

Arrive into Buenos Aires, meet your local guide. Welcome dinner tonight.

**DAY 2 SAT 2 OCT 10**

*Buenos Aires (B)*

Morning city tour including Carlos Thays museum in the Botanic Garden. Free afternoon.

**DAY 3 SUN 3 OCT 10**

*Buenos Aires (B/D)*

Discover the barrios of Buenos Aires today: La Boca, St Telmo & Recoleta. Tonight a tango & dinner show at La Ventana.

**DAY 4 MON 4 OCT 10**

*Buenos Aires (B/L)*

Full day tour of three private gardens with lunch included.

**DAY 5 TUE 5 OCT 10**

*Buenos Aires (B)*

Visit Puerto Madero & Palermo, interesting & diverse barrios. Visit Palermo with fabulous shopping, museums & Rosedale gardens.

**DAY 6 WED 6 OCT 10**

*Buenos Aires (B/L)*

Full day Tigre Delta & River Cruise. Spend an idyllic day on the water. See riverside villas, Victorian docks, & English-style gardens. Island restaurant for lunch.

**DAY 7 THU 7 OCT 10**

*Buenos Aires - Bariloche (B/D)*

Fly to Bariloche, a city in the province of Rio Negro, Argentina, in the foothills of the Andes. Dinner included tonight.

**DAY 8 FRI 8 OCT 10**

*Bariloche (B/L)*

City tour & forest walk today. Stop at beautiful panoramic lookouts & Colonia Suiza to discover the European influence. A short walk to see luma (Myrtle) & nothofagus (Antarctic Beech) in a protected native forest. Picnic lunch.

**DAY 9 SAT 9 OCT 10**

*Bariloche - Iguassu Falls (B/D)*

Travel via Buenos Aires to Iguassu. Check in to your luxury hotel located on Brazilian side of the Falls.

**DAY 10 SUN 10 OCT 10**

*Iguassu Falls (B)*

Visit the Argentinian side of the Falls. Option for the 'Great Adventure' boat trip. Free afternoon.

**DAY 11 MON 11 OCT 10**

*Rio de Janeiro (B)*

Depart for Rio de Janeiro, the second largest city in Brazil with a natural beauty hard to match. Orientation tour on arrival.

**DAY 12 TUE 12 OCT 10**

*Rio de Janeiro (B/D)*

Tour of Rio's famous beaches of Copacopana, Ipanema, Leblon, Sao Conrado & Barra da Tijuca. Visit Sugar Loaf for panoramic views of the city. Travel by cable car to the summit.

Dinner at Porcao's Rio, one of Rio's best 'rodizio' barbecue restaurants, set in the centre of Flamingo Park, designed by Roberto Burle Marx.

**DAY 13 WED 13 OCT 10**

*Rio de Janeiro (B)*

Visit the Botanic Gardens founded in 1808, a research institute with collections of bromeliads, orchids, carnivorous plants & cacti. Free evening with an option to enjoy Rio's best Samba Show.

**DAY 14 THU 14 OCT 10**

*Rio de Janeiro (B/L)*

Visit the home, studio & garden of Roberto Burle Marx, Brazil's best-known landscape architect. Lunch included at Point Grumani with views over Rio's beaches. Take the cog railway to Corcovado (Hunchback Mountain) to the statue of Christ the Redeemer.

**DAY 15 FRI 15 OCT 10**

*Tijuca Forest (B/L)*

Travel by 4WD vehicle into Tijuca Forest, the green spine of Rio, the world's largest urban forest. Visit Santa Teresa, a bohemian neighbourhood with colonial homes & gardens.

**DAY 16 SAT 16 OCT 10**

*Rio de Janeiro (B/L/D)*

Full day Saveiros schooner cruise on Guanabara Bay, Rio's harbour with good views of Rio & lunch included. Farewell dinner in your hotel.

**DAY 17 SUN 17 OCT 10**

*Rio de Janeiro - Home (B)*

Explore the famous Ipanema markets before afternoon transfer to the airport for departure.

*Limited places are available on this tour.*

**TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- Air-conditioned motorcoach throughout tour
- Deluxe accommodation in 4-star hotels for 16 nights incl. Sheraton Hotel, Buenos Aires; Hotel Edelweiss, San Carlos de Bariloche; Hotel Mabu Thermas & Resort, Cataratas do Iguacu; Ipanema Plaza, Ipanema.
- Breakfast daily, 5 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- Guided tours of Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Iguacu Falls & San Carlos Bariloche
- Entrance fees to all gardens & sightseeing including Charles Thais Museum, BA Botanic Gardens, Tango Show, Buenos Aires private gardens, Tigre Delta Cruise, Sugar Loaf Cable Car, Sitio Burle Marx, Corcovado Mountain, Rio Botanic Garden, Tijuca Forest Jeep Tour, Rio Harbour Cruise, Iguassu National Park, Lengas Woods.
- Fully escorted by Sandra Ross
- Ross Tours travel bag & wallet

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

*For tour prices, booking conditions and booking arrangements, please see the General Information leaflet which accompanies this brochure.*

*To book travel, additional accommodation, excursions, stop-overs, please contact our booking agents.*

*Hotels listed in this brochure are correct at time of printing, however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard.*

*Group meals do not include beverages.*

*A personal travelling companion can be arranged for you to accompany you on this tour, if required. Please contact our booking agents for details and price information.*

*Ross Garden Tours reserves the right to make changes to the programme of garden visits outlined in this brochure due to weather and other conditions beyond our control, and if we feel that by so doing the experience of our tour participants will be improved.*

*All tours run subject to a minimum number of participants, please see the General Information leaflet which accompanies this brochure for details.*