

Paraguay

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2027

*** TRIP STARTS ***

Day 1 – Tue, 26 January > Asunción arrival, San Bernardino

Arrive at Asunción (ASU), either from Bolivia or directly from São Paulo/overseas if not doing Bolivia trip.

Afternoon visit to the lakeside village of San Bernardino, with a late afternoon [lake cruise](#).

Evening at leisure.

Overnight: Asunción

Day 2 – Wed, 27 January > Loma Plata/Chaco

After an early breakfast, drive up to the [Mennonite colonies](#) in the heart of the Paraguayan Chaco, where we will explore the unique resolve of these industrious people.

First we visit the [Trebol milk factory](#) in Loma Plata, which is the economic engine that put the cattle farmers on the map, followed by the [Loma Plata museum](#) to learn more of the history of the Canadian Mennonites.

Overnight: Chaco

Day 3 – Thu, 28 January > Filadelfia, Neuland and surroundings

Visit [Filadelfia museum complex](#) and Neuland (Soviet Mennonites). Meander through a [labyrinth garden](#).

Explore a Mennonite [cattle farm](#) which operates entirely on rainwater.

Overnight: Chaco

Day 4 – Fri, 29 January > Fortins and rail museum

Visit a number of [forts](#) used during the Bolivian Chaco war.

Visit the [rail museum](#), which showcases the extreme challenges of the Mennonites settling in the Chaco.

Head back to Asunción in the mid afternoon.

Overnight: Asunción

Day 5 – Sat, 30 January > Ruta de la Caña, Caacupé

Full-day [Ruta de la Caña](#) trip, a journey through the [Paraguayan Rum industry](#) from cane to glass, including a lunch ([optional activity](#)).

Late afternoon visit to Caacupé and the famous cathedral of Caacupé.

Dinner at Granja Kim, enjoying the views of the lovely valley below.

Overnight: Asunción

Day 6 – Sun, 31 January > Asunción exploration

In the morning, we do a [city tour](#), followed by a [boat cruise](#) on the Paraguay River.

Lunch at a traditional Paraguayan [churrasquería](#) (“death by BBQ” experience).

Afternoon and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Asunción

Day 7 – Mon, 1 February > Route to Encarnación and the Missions

Set out from Asunción in the morning and [meander down to Encarnación](#) via some [attractions on the way](#), to Paraguay’s “beach town” on the Paraná river, across from Posadas in Argentina on the horizon. Visit the scenic beach area for some IG photos.

Continue on to [Colonias Unidas](#) (Obligado, Hohenau, Belle Vista), a part of Paraguay with lots of German immigration over the last couple of decades.

Overnight: Colonias Unidas, Paraguay

Day 8 – Tue, 2 February > Missions of Itapúa and Colonias Unidas

Morning visit to the most important [Jesuit Missions of Itapúa](#), namely [La Santísima Trinidad](#) and [Jesús de Tavarangue](#). The Jesuit Missions played an important role in the early development of the indigenous populations in the 1600s and 1700s.

Afternoon other activities in the region, like [Mate Bar](#), [Yerbatero](#), [Reserva Bella Vista](#).

Overnight: Colonias Unidas, Paraguay

Day 9 – Wed, 3 February > Ciudad del Este, Itaipú Binacional

Morning drive to Ciudad del Este.

Visit the dramatic [Itaipú Binacional hydroelectric dam](#), which is jointly operated by Paraguay and Brazil, and is the biggest hydroelectric plant in the world by constant year-round output and a reliable source of hard currency for Paraguay, who exports most electricity it generates.

Depending on time, visit other local attractions, such as [Monday Falls](#) and [Triple Frontier](#).

Cross the border to Foz do Iguaçu in Brazil in the evening and check into accommodation.

Overnight: Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil

Day 10 – Thu, 4 February > Iguazu waterfall full day experience

Start the day with early chopper flight ([optional extra](#)) over the Iguazu Falls, arguably the world’s most spectacular waterfall complex (even at just 10% the flow volume of Itaipú).

Enter the national park surrounding the falls, do the thrilling [boat ride through the bottom of the Falls](#). Move on to [Miradouro lookout](#) and below to enjoy the spray of the falls.

Lunch at the grand Iguazu Belmond hotel ([optional extra](#)), farewell dinner buffet dance performance at Rafain Churrascaria show ([optional extra](#)).

Overnight: Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil

Day 11 – Fri, 5 February > Departure/optional visit to Argentina side of Falls

No activities included in the program for today. Bus will return to Asunción if you wish to fly from there, though typically more affordable and many more options to fly out from Foz do Iguaçu (IGU) to São Paulo (GRU) or Rio de Janeiro (GIG or SDU) and on from there back to Europe or the USA.

If you would like to attend the opening performances of the Carnival of Rio, fly out of Foz do Iguaçu in the morning, making sure you reach Rio de Janeiro by mid-afternoon to enable check-in and positioning yourself for the opening performances in the early evening on the 5th.

Carnival attendance is not part of the trip, but we are happy to support a group for those wishing to go to the carnival, where you can self-coordinate on attendance and accommodation.

Alternatively do a day trip to the Argentinian side of the Falls for a very different perspective on the Falls (**optional extra**), and fly out in the evening or stay an extra night (either on the Argentina or Brazil sides) and fly Saturday.

Overnight: **Hotel not included in tour price**
(we can offer booking assistance if needed)

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