

# Chile/Argentina 2020

February 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Missing 2 days of school



# A little about me

- I have been a teacher here at SCHS since 2000. I have been travelling with students since 2008.
- 2008 – 7 students to Mexico
- 2009 – 90 students to Europe
- 2010 – 48 students to Costa Rica
- 2011 – I took a break this year 😊
- 2012 – 72 students to Chile
- 2013 – 46 students to Vietnam
- 2014 – 48 students to Costa Rica
- 2015 – 32 students to Europe (france and spain)
- 2016 – 23 students to Chile
- 2017 – 24 students to San Fran
- 2018 – 16 students to Uruguay
- 2019 – 67 students to Japan

# Philosophy

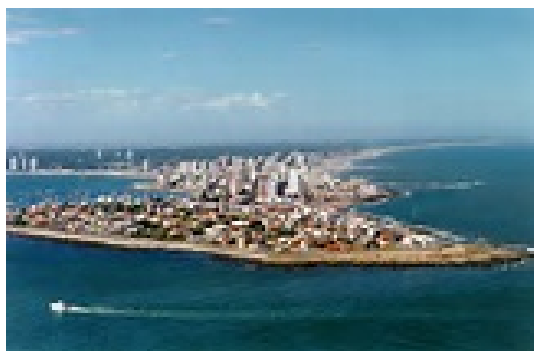
I have taught Spanish as a Second Language for 19 years and I am very excited to offer International travel as an addition to my courses. I find it very rewarding to see students succeed in the Spanish language and use the many skills that they acquired in one of my classes when they travel abroad. The combination of cultural, literary, communicative and grammatical knowledge has given my students lifelong skills and accomplishments. I believe strongly in second language in our present global society, and I believe in creating global citizens. Through learning Spanish I believe I am allowing my students access to knowledge that should carry them through University, job searches, travel, understanding culture, and understanding literature – this in turn should give them a better understanding of their own language and of themselves, and how they fit into this global community. Therefore I think it is necessary and vital for my students to be introduced to this global community through international travel – what better way to use all of the skills that they have learned. It is only through experience and practice that a second language can truly come to life.

# Where are we going



# Proposed Itinerary

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- **DAY 1 FEBRUARY 14, 2020**
- TRAVEL TO CHILE!
- Meet at the airport in Calgary as a group.
- Board your flight and depart for Santiago, Chile.
  
- **DAY 2 FEBRUARY 15, 2020 - DISCOVER SANTIAGO**
- Arrive in Santiago
- Welcome to Santiago! Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your Evolve Tours leader, excited to spend the coming days with you. Hop on the bus to head over to our accommodation in Santiago to check-in, drop off our luggage, and freshen up.
- We will spend the day touring Santiago. Enjoy a chance to visually experience the history and character of Santiago, visiting some of the city's most popular spots. Sights on your walking tour will include Palacio de la Moneda, Pablo Neruda's House, Plaza de Armas, the Central Market, and some other hidden gems that are known only to the locals.
- 7:00PM Dinner We will go for a delicious meal as a group and get a good night's sleep in preparation for our travels the next day.
- 8:30PM Meet as a group for the end-of-day reflection & discussion

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- **DAY 3** FEBRUARY 16, 2020
- SANTIAGO TO VIÑAS DEL MAR
- 8:00AM: Breakfast at hotel as a group
- 9:00AM: Depart Santiago and travel to Viña Concha y Toro.
- 10:30AM: Arrive at Viña Concha y Toro. This Vineyard is one of the largest wineries in Chile, with the main winery being right out side of Santiago, in the Maipo Valley. We will tour the property and production facilities, without any sampling.
- 12:30PM: Depart Concha y Toro and travel towards Viña del Mar with a lunch break on route.
- 1:30PM: Lunch Time on Route
- 3:00PM: Arrive in Viña del Mar and check into hotel
- 3:30PM: Head out for a brief orientation tour
- 5:00PM: Team building activity back at the hotel
- 6:30PM: Group dinner
- 8:30PM: Meet as a group for the end-of-day reflection & discussion



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- **DAY 4 FEBRUARY 17, 2020**
- VALPARAISO & VIÑA DEL MAR
- 8:00AM: Breakfast at hotel as a group
- 9:00AM: Depart hotel to explore Valparaiso.
- 9:30AM: Begin walking tour of Valparaiso, which is a prominent portal city that plays an important role, both in cities in South America and around the world. The historic quarter of Valparaiso is teeming with color and vibrancy. It is chock-full of beautiful corners and unique buildings. We will visit the Cerro Concepcion to see some amazing eastern views at the top of the hill, Pablo Neruda's house (one of the most famous poets in South America and the world),
- 1:00PM: Lunch time in Valparaiso.
- 2:30PM: Continue on walking tour. Take a ride up one of the many funiculars. We will visit various local markets along the way.
- 4:00PM: Head over to Estadio Elias Figueroa for a local live soccer match (schedule pending).
- 5:00PM: Catch a live soccer match
- 7:00PM: Head out for group dinner in Viña del Mar
- 8:30PM: Meet as a group for the end-of-day reflection & discussion



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- **DAY 5** FEBRUARY 18, 2020
- VIÑA DEL MAR - SANTIAGO
- 8:00AM: Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00AM: Depart for Santiago
- 11:30AM: Arrive in Santiago and transfer to Museo de La Memoria y Derechos Humanos.
- 12:00PM: Tour the The Museum of the Memory and the Human Rights) is a space destined to give visibility to the violations to the human rights committed by the State of Chile between 1973 and 1990; to dignify the victims and their families; and to stimulate reflection and debate on the importance of respect and tolerance, so that these events will never happen again.
- 2:00PM: Lunch and exploration around the Mercado Central (Central Market)
- 4:00PM: Discover Barrio Bella Vista, Cerro San Cristobal and the street art around this with your guide.





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- **DAY 6** FEBRUARY 19, 2020
- TRAVEL TO BUENOS AIRES
- 8:00AM to 12:00PM
- Enjoy a final breakfast at the hotel before checking-out. Enjoy our final morning in Santiago! In the morning we will head out to Los Dominicos Handicraft Village for some souvenir shopping. This handicraft village is a great place to shop for traditional Chilean arts and crafts and one of the few places you might be able to bargain in Santiago.
- 12:30PM to 4:00PM Transfer to airport for flight to Buenos Aires.
- 10:00PM Arrival in Buenos Aires.



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- **DAY 7, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES**
  - After breakfast we will meet up with our local guide and head out on full day adventure exploring the beauty and wonders of Buenos Aires. We will explore parks and monuments of Recoleta and discover the aristocratic Buenos Aires with its magnificent architecture. We will learn about a generation that made Buenos Aires the cultural capital of South America. We will walk from the famous Teatro Colón through the fanciest streets of Retiro and Recoleta neighbourhoods up to the Recoleta Cemetery.
  - Lunch will be enjoyed in The Recoleta craft market, a fantastic collection of food vendors, craftsmen, jewellers and entrepreneurs. Before we continue in the afternoon we will also have a chance to see Evitas (Eva Duarte Peron) grave. She was the wife of Juan Peron, President of Argentina back in 1946. We will learn about her past and and why she was so adored by the lower class.
  - In the afternoon we will have a quick stop explore Puerto Madero an the Reserva Ecologica. The reserve is 350-hectare filled with over 300 bird species, river turtles, iguanas and nutria. Following our excursion we will transfer to the La Boca, one of the most colourful neighbourhoods in all of Argentina. Its colorful shanties are often portrayed as a symbol of Buenos Aires, while El Caminito is the barrio's most famous street, full of art vendors, buskers and tango dancers twirling for your spare change.
  - Traditional asado for dinner tonight.



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- **DAY 8 FEBRUARY 21, 2020**
- **EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES - ESTANCIA**
- Today we will visit a traditional Argentinean estancia (ranch) that includes a BBQ lunch and Argentinean rodeo. A stroll in a typical one-horse carriage called a “sulky”, or just riding on horse-back, will show the group the enchantment of the Argentine land, the beautiful landscape, its growing crops, and let them feel the incomparable wild aroma in the air. The field day culminates with an exhibition of paired horse teams (tropillas), and then the horseback sport called “carreras de sortijas” (ring-races). Both show the remarkable control by the gaucho upon his horses. We will enjoy a fabulous barbecue and “empanadas” (meat pies). We will also enjoy some folk music and gaucho dancing, and then return to Buenos Aires for dinner.
- Tonight, we will watch a performance at The Bastion del Carmen Cultural Center. (Performance T.B.D)





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- **DAY 9** FEBRUARY 22, 2020
- EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES
- In the morning we will meet up with a local street artist and embark on a street art tour. Our tour will take us through the up-and-coming neighbourhood of Colegiales and into the hidden enclaves of Palermo Hollywood. Our guide will provide us with insight into the modern movement of Buenos Aires' street art, with a brief introduction to the country's fascinating history and the culture of self expression in the streets.
- Lunch in Palermo Hollywood. Palermo is the sub neighbourhood of Palermo Viejo (old palermo). There are street vendors, amazing food and shops to explore.
- In the later part of the afternoon we will put on our dancing shoes and participate in a Tango Dancing workshop.
- Farewell dinner tonight in Buenos Aires.

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- **DAY 10** FEBRUARY 23, 2020
- HOMEWARD BOUND
- After breakfast we will transfer to the airport and take a quick flight back to Santiago and where we will transfer back to Patio Bella Vista for lunch and one last chance for souvenir shopping before heading back home.





# Mandatory Insurance

- Rockyview requires that we have travel insurance through them. The price is \$47.50 (\$4.75x10 days) and the cheque needs to be made out to SCHS. We will get policy cards that we travel with as well as a 1-800 number to call in case of emergency.
- Unfortunately but fortunately I had to use them while in Vietnam, and they were WONDERFUL so I know it works and it was worth every penny I paid for it.
- I understand that many of you may have insurance through work BUT everyone MUST use this company.

# Initial deposit

- There is a NON refundable initial deposit in the amount of \$500.00 that needs to be handed in with the form filled out. Please read all forms carefully. Please make cheque payable to SCHS. These cheques and forms are due May 01<sup>st</sup>, 2019.



# Info: due date : MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 or before

- Itinerary
- Good standing – must be signed and returned (yellow)
- Non refundable – must be signed and returned with a cheque (\$500.00) to SCHS (purple)
- Insurance – must be signed and returned with a cheque (\$47.50) to SCHS (white)
- Field trip consent (white)
- I need two separate cheques in these amounts please!!
- THESE 4 FORMS ARE WHAT WILL GET YOUR CHILD A SPOT
- Forms can be handed into Senora OP



# Rules



- At any time, we reserve the right to pull a student off the trip if they are making poor decisions from now until the trip which is a year away. We will not take students who are making poor decisions as this can affect the safety of others as well as our jobs.
- This is an alcohol / drug free trip and if we don't trust that your child will obey the rules, they will not be joining us.

# Payment Plan

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Initial Deposit: \$500.00

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Mandatory Rockyview Insurance  
\$47.50

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The rest of the payments will be done through Evolve Tours, information will be sent out once I have the list of students involved

# Not Included

- If there is a luggage fee – that will be paid at the airport at check in but is not included in this price
- Lunches
- Spending money



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Money

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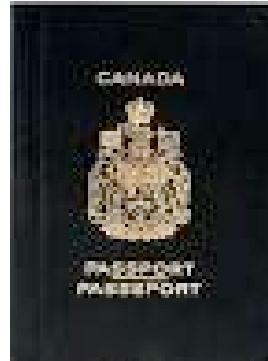
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Argentina pesos

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Chilean pesos

# Passport



- Everyone needs a valid passport
- The expiry date can not be within 6 months of our departure (August 2020)

# Shots



- Each travel clinic may tell you something different but this is the information I have found:
- **All travelers**
- You should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination. Some vaccines may also be required for travel.
- [Routine vaccines](#) Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot.
- **Most travelers**
- Get travel vaccines and medicines because there is a risk of these diseases in the country you are visiting.
- [Hepatitis A](#) CDC recommends this vaccine because you can get hepatitis A through contaminated food or water in Uruguay, regardless of where you are eating or staying.
- [Typhoid](#) You can get typhoid through contaminated food or water in Uruguay. CDC recommends this vaccine for most travelers, especially if you are staying with friends or relatives, visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or if you are an adventurous eater.
- **Some travelers**
- Ask your doctor what vaccines and medicines you need based on where you are going, how long you are staying, what you will be doing, and if you are traveling from a country other than Canada.
- [Hepatitis B](#) You can get hepatitis B through sexual contact, contaminated needles, and blood products, so CDC recommends this vaccine if you might have sex with a new partner, get a tattoo or piercing, or have any medical procedures.
- [Rabies](#) Rabies is present in bats in Uruguay. However, it is not found in dogs and is not a major risk to most travelers. CDC recommends rabies vaccine for only these groups:
- Travelers involved in outdoor and other activities in remote areas that put them at risk for bat bites (such as adventure travel and caving).
- People who will be working with or around bats (such as wildlife professionals and researchers).

# Form Check List present/future

- TODAY:

- Good standings
- Initial deposit
- FT010 - Travel insurance

- LATER ON:

- FT001 – Field trip authorization and emergency medical information
- FT005 – Consent Form – All Field trips
- FT007 – Consent of Parent/Guardian & Acknowledgement of Risk
- Medical form from Evolve Tours

# Questions

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Next meeting will be next school year -  
October

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Email addresses are extremely important  
and when there is a change include me on  
the change as this is my means of  
communication

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Once I have all the required forms with the  
deposit and a separate cheque for the  
insurance, I will get an email set up and  
send out so that you know everything is ok