



# ARGENTINA

## Tucuman Project

**Dates:** Several dates are available-April 16-25, May 14-23, Sept. 20-29, Oct. 17-26, 2012. Optimal time is 10 days in country, excluding travel days.

**Individual Budget:** Approx. \$650- This includes food, lodging, in-country transportation, and travel/health insurance. This is an estimated cost and does not include international flights, and is based on a team of 10 people for 10 days.

**Materials for Project:** \$2,612. This includes materials for all projects. This is a shared cost between team members.



### Tucuman Project

Partner with Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)-Argentina and the Lutheran Congregation "Josue" of Tucuman City to serve children and families for a mission immersion project made up of different activities. With material and programs produced by the LHM Argentina, you will have opportunity to share the Gospel with the people of Tucuman City. The outreach will consist of English conversation classes serving the whole family on practicing their English skills. The week will finish with a mission rally at the church. Throughout the week, you will work with local volunteers to canvas the local neighborhood as well as invite the families that participated in the activities.

### Project Location

San Miguel de Tucuman is the capital city and heart of Tucuman Province. Popularly known as "El Jardin de la Republica" (The Garden of the Republic) because in the springtime there are flowers are abundantly in bloom everywhere! The city is situated northeast of Argentina. Argentines are a fusion of diverse national and ethnic groups, with descendants of Italian and Spanish immigrants predominant. In recent years, there has been a substantial influx of immigrants from neighboring countries, particularly Paraguay, Bolivia, and Peru. The indigenous population, estimated at 700,000, is concentrated in the provinces of the north, northwest, and south. Eighty percent of the population resides in cities or towns of more than 2,000, and over one-third lives in the greater Buenos Aires area.

LHM International Volunteer Trips provide the opportunity to learn through authentic cross-cultural experiences and have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus. If you are interested in touching lives, please call Chris Myers at 314-317-4268 or 1-800-944-3450, ext. 4268; or by email [christine.myers@lhm.org](mailto:christine.myers@lhm.org).



### **Sample Itinerary**

- Day 1. Arrive in Buenos Aires with connecting flight to Tucuman City.
- Day 2. Worship. Visit ministry area. Orientation.
- Day 3 Workday
- Day 4. Workday
- Day 5. Workday
- Day 6 Workday
- Day 7. Workday
- Day 8. Street Mission Rally Celebration
- Day 9. Worship and sightseeing in Tucuman.
- Day 10. Depart for home

*A detailed itinerary will be customized and provided to you by LHM according to your travel days and team size.*

### **Entry Documentation**

- U.S. Passport must be valid 6 months beyond arrival date
- When entering Argentine Territory, the American nationals must pay a "reciprocity fee" of \$140.- or its equivalent in Argentinean pesos.  
The payment of this reciprocity fee is NOT a visa, since Argentina does not require visa to American nationals when travelling for tourism or business purposes.

### **Embassy of Argentina**

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Email: [consular@embassyofargentina.us](mailto:consular@embassyofargentina.us)

Web: [www.embassyofargentina.us](http://www.embassyofargentina.us)

Jurisdiction: Washington, D.C., Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

*Please visit the Embassy of Argentina website for the most current visa information.*

### **Sightseeing**

The team will visit many different sites for a rich cultural experience in the San Javier and Nogues Village. The transportation cost is included in the individual costs.

### **Insurance Coverage**

Medical evacuation for all team members is mandatory and LHM provide insurance from AIG at the cost of \$3.30 a day. We will provide you with an insurance card with a policy number on it and a contact number in cases of extreme emergency – i.e. something that requires evacuation. The person you talk with will advise you on what to do in those circumstances. For all other claims please pay any bills that you incur and make a claim directly to the insurance company when you return.

### **Lodging and Meals**

Based on availability, accommodations will be made at a Bed and Breakfast/Hotel close to the church.

<http://www.hotelfrancia.com.ar/index.php> Breakfast is included with lunch and dinner at the church facility or local restaurant.

## Budget

Sample budget based on 10 people for 10 days:

Individual Costs		
Travel Insurance	\$3.30 per person per day, including travel days	\$39.60
Lodging	\$33 @ 9 nights per person includes breakfast	\$297.00
Food- lunch & dinner	\$25 average for 10 days	\$250.00
Transportation (include airport)	\$100 for 10 days	\$10.00
Bottled Water	\$5 per day x10 days	\$50.00
Total		\$646.60

You must also budget for your international flights, miscellaneous cost with sightseeing and souvenirs. An airport tax should be included with your flight costs. Be sure to check this when booking your flights.

The budget is an estimate and your team may choose to eat more or less expensive, which would affect your budget. We generally over-budget as much as possible so you do not run short of funds; it never hurts to have some extra funds available. It would also be wise to carry a small amount of additional contingency funds for any medical emergencies that may occur or unexpected costs.

## Project Costs

Project costs are \$2,612.00 which covers all the materials for the English Conversation, print materials and Mission Rally, plus administrative costs. These costs are a shared cost from all the team members. The timeline for payment of both Project Costs and Individual Costs will be provided once specific travel dates are determined. Project Costs must be paid 4 weeks prior to departure and Individual Costs must be paid 2 weeks prior to departure. In some cases, if LHM needs to make hotel or transport reservations, we may ask for partial payments to be made on a different timeline.

## Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Vaccine recommendations are based on the best available risk information. Please note that the level of risk for vaccine-preventable diseases can change at any time.

Vaccination or Disease	Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
<a href="#">Routine</a>	Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots such as, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, poliovirus vaccine, etc.
<a href="#">Hepatitis A</a> or immune globulin (IG)	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection ( <a href="#">see map</a> ) where exposure might occur through food or water. Cases of travel-related hepatitis A can also occur in travelers to developing countries with "standard" tourist itineraries, accommodations, and food consumption behaviors.
<a href="#">Hepatitis B</a>	Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission ( <a href="#">see map</a> ), especially those who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment (e.g., for an accident).
<a href="#">Typhoid</a>	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in Temperate South America, especially if staying with friends or relatives or visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas where exposure might occur through food or water.

[Yellow  
Fever](#)

**Requirements:** None

**Recommendations:**

**Recommended** for all travelers  $\geq 9$  months of age who are going to northern and northeastern forested areas of Argentina bordering Brazil and Paraguay  $< 2,300$  m in elevation<sup>d</sup> (see [Map 3-19](#)). Travelers to designated departments in the following provinces should be vaccinated: Corrientes (Berón de Astrada, Capital, General Alvear, General Paz, Itatí, Ituzaingó, Paso de los Libres, San Cosme, San Martín, San Miguel, Santo Tomé) and Misiones (all departments). Vaccination is also recommended for travelers visiting Iguassu Falls.

**Generally not recommended** for travelers whose itinerary is limited to the designated departments in the following provinces  $< 2,300$  m in elevation<sup>d</sup>: Chaco (Bermejo), Formosa (all departments), Jujuy (Ledesma, San Pedro, Santa Bárbara, Valle Grande), and Salta (Anta, General José de San Martín, Oran, Rivadavia) (see [Map 3-19](#)).

**Not recommended** for travelers whose itineraries are limited to areas  $> 2,300$  m in elevation<sup>d</sup> and all provinces and departments not listed above.

Vaccination should be given 10 days before travel and at 10 year intervals if there is on-going risk. [Find an authorized U.S. yellow fever vaccination clinic.](#)

**Rabies vaccination** is only recommended for certain travelers, including:

- travelers with high occupational risks, such as veterinarians
- long-term travelers and expatriates living in areas with a high risk of exposure
- travelers involved in any activities that might bring them into direct contact with bats, carnivores, and other mammals, such as wildlife professionals, researchers, veterinarians, or adventure travelers visiting areas where bats, carnivores, and other mammals are commonly found

## Malaria

**Areas of Argentina with Malaria:** Rural areas of northern Salta Province (along Bolivian border). Rare cases reported in the city of Puerto Iguazú in Misiones Province. No transmission at Iguassu Falls. ([more information](#))

If you will be visiting an area of Argentina with malaria, you will need to discuss with your doctor the best ways for you to avoid getting sick with malaria. Ways to prevent malaria include the following:

- Taking a prescription antimalarial drug
- Using insect repellent and wearing long pants and sleeves to prevent mosquito bites
- Sleeping in air-conditioned or well-screened rooms or using bednets

It is particularly important when traveling to Argentina that you have detailed information of where you are going within this country, because malaria prevention recommendations vary depending on where you go within the country.

*This information is based on current information from CDC and often depends on where the team travels in Argentina. Always consult with your doctor regarding vaccinations, as Lutheran Hour Ministries cannot be held liable for any recommendations made.*

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel>

## Forms

Please return all required forms to LHM St. Louis if you have not already done so.

## **LHM Ministry-Argentina**

The Lutheran Hour Ministries center in Argentina shares the Gospel in a variety of culturally appropriate ways. LHM staff and volunteers reach out to Argentines, especially those suffering from inequalities in social class, insufficient education, health care, and basic needs.

Outreach programs include radio broadcast which consist of 30 second spots and 12 second spots read by the radio announcer. Internet communication provides a cyber library with a summary of each booklet that they provide. Project JOEL is a mission outreach in order to help youth and get them in contact with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

LHM – Argentina also trains and equips laypeople in our partner churches to share the Good News through Equipping the Saints (ETS).

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**Ministry Established:** 1947



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