

Join Us

on the Carriage Association of America's 2016 Trip to

Argentina

November 6 – 17



Don't miss this amazing opportunity to visit a stunning collection of unique, privately owned estates, horses, carriages, and appointments.



Our Itinerary:

Saturday, November 5:

Depart the city of your choice for Buenos Aires.

Sunday, November 6:

Arrive in Buenos Aires, where you will be met and driven to the Hotel Sofitel B. A. (www.sofitel.com). Free afternoon. Welcome reception. Dinner on your own.

Monday, November 7:

Breakfast in our hotel. Visit Juan Manuel Barreiro's property. After lunch, travel to the town of General Belgrano to visit Guillermo Gibelli's carriage museum. Late return to Buenos Aires.

Tuesday, November 8:

Breakfast in our hotel. Free morning to relax. After lunch, depart for the town of San Antonio de Areco.

Wednesday, November 9:

Breakfast in our hotel. Visit a private carriage collection in the town of Duggan.

Thursday, November 10:

Breakfast in our hotel. Travel to Juan Gibelli's estancia and enjoy a full day's visit.

Friday, November 11:

After breakfast, depart (with luggage) for Areco. Overnight at the Hotel Patio de Moreno (www.patiodemoreno.com)

Saturday, November 12:

Breakfast in our hotel. Enjoy the Gaucho Festival in San Antonio de Areco. Dinner.

Sunday, November 13:

Breakfast in our hotel. Enjoy the Gaucho Festival parade in San Antonio de Areco. Dinner.

Monday, November 14:

Breakfast in our hotel. Travel to the town of Escobar to visit Guillermo Gibelli's property. After lunch, travel to the town of Lujan. Overnight at the Hotel Real Lujan, in the center of town.

Tuesday, November 15:

Breakfast in our hotel. Travel to the town of Bragado to visit Ernesto Figueras' property. Overnight again in Lujan.

Wednesday, November 16:

Breakfast in our hotel. Visit the Lujan Carriage Collection. After lunch, return to Buenos Aires for a free afternoon. Farewell dinner.

Thursday, November 17:

Breakfast in our hotel, and a free day to explore Buenos Aires. Check out by 6 p.m. and transfer to the airport.

Details on a couple of our visits:

On this truly unique and special trip, we will start in the exciting city of Buenos Aires (the “Paris of South America”). From there, you will travel by private motorcoach, throughout B.A. Province, to visit private estancias (ranches) and their extraordinary collections of carriages, harness, appointments, books and, of course, horses! You will meet wonderful Argentinean people and enjoy their cuisine and wines.

Whether you travel with a family member or friend, or join us on your own, you will be cared for and pampered from the moment you arrive at the Buenos Aires airport. Everything is included in this fascinating trip: hotels, guides, transportation, and all meals (except dinner the first two nights), so you can leave your cares at home.

The Sofitel Hotel in Buenos Aires

Sofitel Buenos Aires (www.sofitel.com) is located in the tranquil and charming Arroyo Street. Surrounded by quiet, tree-shaded sidewalks, the area is a haven of antique shops and art galleries, a true epicenter of culture. The hotel features a perfect blend of French *savoir faire* and Argentinean tradition, with exquisite decor and the delicate scent of flowers.

San Antonio de Areco

Nestled in lush farmlands, San Antonio de Areco is probably the prettiest town in the pampas, with a peaceful atmosphere and picturesque colonial streets. The town dates from the early eighteenth century and still preserves a great deal of the *criollo* and gaucho traditions, especially among its artisans, who produce very fine silverwork and saddlery. By day, men don the traditional *boina* (a kind of gaucho beret), while in the evenings, locals head to the *peña*, a party with folk music and dancing. Gauchos from all over the pampas show up for November’s *Día de la Tradición* (“Day of Tradition,” or Gaucho Festival), where you can see them and their horses in the town’s cobbled streets, in all their finery.

San Antonio de Areco’s compact center and quiet steets are very walkable. Around the Plaza Ruiz de Arellano, named in honor of the town’s founder, are several historic buildings, including the parish church. The old bridge across the Río Areco (from 1857), follows the original cart road to northern Argentina. Once a toll crossing, it’s now a pedestrian bridge leading to San Antonio de Areco’s main attraction, the Gaucho Museum.

Gaucho Festival (Day of Tradition)

Argentina’s quintessential gaucho town goes wild each November to celebrate its *Día de la Tradición* (Day of Tradition). The central character in all the action is the gaucho, and to really appreciate the meat, the dancing, the handkerchief-waving, and the equestrian acrobats, you’ll need to study up on a bit of the history of this rough, tough, “real man’s man.”

Sunday’s parade features several hundred men, boys, and an occasional small girl from nearby fields and faraway regions, all dressed to the nines in their best Sunday gaucho gear and all expertly controlling beautifully groomed horses with ornate leather and silver bridles.

When you’ve clapped until you can clap no more, and you think it’s all over and must be lunchtime soon, there come the *tropillas* of untamed horses, each group led by a single expert rider, and ornate chariots with ruddy-faced girls in huge skirts and lace-ribboned hair. It’s an amazing sight for anyone, but particularly for anyone keen on all things equestrian, as according to the locals, these horses and their apparel are some of the finest that can be seen in the whole of Argentina.

Throw in a marching band dressed immaculately in white, some local children dancing *gato* in the corner, and a host of popcorn sellers trundling through the clapping crowds, and you’ll wonder why this isn’t called a carnival – the atmosphere of national pride and cheery circumstance is almost as palpable as the *asado* you’re about to feast on.

The Trip Includes:



- Eleven nights' accommodations
- Transfers to / from the airport by private car
- Breakfast each morning in our hotels
- Lunch and dinner daily (unless specified)
- Use of private air-conditioned motorcoach
- English-speaking guide throughout the trip
- All tours and visits – estancias, museums, the Gaucho Festival, etc.
- Taxes, portage, and gratuities
- Visits to beautiful, privately owned estates to see stunning carriage collections and horses
- Warm hospitality, plus delicious food and wine
- Farewell dinner

The trip costs listed below are for the complete trip package (hotel and all trip activities).
The trip does NOT include airfare.

Double-occupancy rates (two people sharing):

	price per person
Double or Twin Room <i>(one full-size or two twin-size beds)</i>	\$5,995

Single-occupancy rates:

	price per person
Single Room <i>(one twin-size bed)</i>	\$6,995

Package prices are based on a minimum of 10 trip participants and are subject to change due to fluctuating rates of exchange.

Reservation Form

The Carriage Association of America's 2016 Trip to Argentina

I/we want to sign up for the 2016 CAA trip to Argentina, November 6–17.

Name: _____ CAA Member? Yes No*

* I am not currently a member, but I would like to join the CAA at \$65 / year (plus \$20 for Canada / \$40 for overseas).

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax Number / E-mail Address: _____

Travel Companion: _____ CAA Member? Yes No*

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

I/we would like a Double room (2 people; 1 bed). a Twin room (2 people; 2 beds), or a

Single room (1 person) but please try to find someone I may share a room with.

I/we would like to book an extra night in Buenos Aires on _____ *please provide date(s).*

I enclose \$250 per person as a deposit.

I've enclosed a check (made payable to the CAA) in the amount of \$ _____

Please charge \$ _____ to my: Visa Mastercard American Express Discover

Account # _____ Expiration date: _____

Security code (three extra digits on the back of most cards, or four on the front of AmEx cards): _____

Signature of cardholder: _____

Cancellation policy: 50–31 days before departure: \$25 per person cancellation fee; 30–11 days before departure: \$100 per person cancellation fee; 10–0 days before departure: \$250 per person cancellation fee, plus any other costs incurred.

Note: When we receive your Reservation Form and deposit, we will send you additional information about the trip. All trip participants must be in possession of a valid passport. Prices subject to change due to fluctuating rates of exchange.

Questions? Call us at 859-231-0971 or write to us at info@caaonline.com.

Return this form, with payment, to **The Carriage Association of America**
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