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Big Five Tours & Expeditions Unlocks Argentina and Paraguay's Hidden History with New Cross-Border Jesuit Legacy Journey

New Itinerary Reveals the Spiritual and Cultural Story that Shaped South America



July 10, 2025; Stuart, FL – <u>Big Five Tours & Expeditions</u> (Big Five), today announced the launch of a transformative journey—*Jesuit Legacy of South America* – *In the Footsteps of Faith and History*—a crossborder itinerary spanning Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil that delves into the rich and complex story of the Jesuit missions and their lasting impact on Indigenous communities throughout South America.

The newly launched offering also marks a key evolution in Big Five's Argentina offerings, aligning with the country's new Open Skies policy, which is expected to open regional gateways and expand access to lesser-known destinations beyond Buenos Aires. This itinerary is designed to take full advantage of those changes, offering travelers a modular, immersive experience through **historic estancias**, **UNESCO mission ruins**, and cultural landscapes tied to the early Guaraní-Jesuit relationship.

"Argentina is entering a new era. As skies open, combined with the emergence of Paraguay, so does the opportunity to explore regions that have long remained in the shadows of tourism—places where faith, culture, and resistance converged to shape the soul of South America. This Jesuit journey is about more than visiting historic sites; it's about honoring the complexity of that legacy and connecting with the deeper human stories beneath the surface. This is where meaningful travel begins, where the future of

luxury travel is headed and it's where Big Five lives;" says Ashish Sanghrajka, President of Big Five Tours & Expeditions

Rooted in cultural immersion, the experience leads guests through **Buenos Aires**, **Misiones Province**, and into **Paraguay's Guaraní heartland**, culminating at **Iguazú Falls**, a spiritual and natural marvel first documented by a Jesuit explorer in the 17th century. Travelers trace the life of **Pope Francis**, visit the **Jesuit Estancias of Córdoba**, and stand among the haunting remains of **San Ignacio Miní** and **Trinidad de Paraná**, witnessing a shared past that still resonates across borders.

Big Five developed the journey with input from cultural historians and local experts, reflecting not only on the **architectural beauty** of the Jesuit missions but also the **cultural tensions and transformations** that defined them.

To view the full itinerary and learn more, visit:

https://bigfive.com/tour/presidents-pick-jesuit-legacy-of-south-america-in-the-footsteps-of-faith-and-history-argentina-paraguay-brazil

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