



**Argentinian
Explorer**

BARITU NATIONAL PARK

Trip through the Jungles and Yungas (Warm, Valleys)

Baritú is considered the biggest biospheric reserve of Argentina, a place that some effort is being made to conserve.



The door of the Baritú is in the heart of the jungle of the Yungas, in the drainage basin of the Bermejo river. The fundamental premise of Baritú is the preservation of the environment for the future generations so that they may be able to admire the magic and biodiversity of this wild and virgin area.

Previously this area was in danger of being overrun by cultivations such as coffee, zapallos and vineyards and unrestricted hunting. Fortunately the awareness of the importance of the balance of animals, land and vegetation in order to preserve a vital ecosystem stopped the 'march of progress' and allowed the area to maintain or return to its natural form. Each ecosystem interacts together with the climate and the soil in order to assist the survival of its inhabitants by forming chains of alimentation. The Yungas jungle is one of the areas richest in mammalians of this tropical region. It is estimated that there are 100 species of mammals in the 600km extension of the northeast of Argentina and 35% of them are encountered in the ecosystem of the jungles and Yungas.

It is possible to observe mammals such as the jaguar, tapirs, great anteaters, cai monkeys, great ferrets, porcupines, coloured squirrels, bats, armadillos etc. and birds such as Toucan parrots, humming birds, eagles, partridges, orioles and many more, also amphibians such as different frogs and toads including the red stomached toad and many types of fish.

The mountain jungles are on the slopes between 500 and 1000 metres where the vegetation is dense and humid. The highest treetops of over 30 metres are those of the cedars, laurels and walnuts whilst those at the 20 metre level consist of oaks, chalchal, palo luz and tala. There are other stratas such as that of shrubs and herbs, plants that spread over the surface and there is an important number of vines and epiphytes. In the Calilegua National Park there are different forests of mountain pines, alders and queñoa that are on the slopes up to 3000 metres.

6 days - 5 nights

- ✓ **Accommodation and breakfast- Double Room**
- ✓ **Transfer IN OUT APT/HTL/APT**
- ✓ **Regular Tours with Spanish & English Guide.**
- ✓ **Permanent Coordination**

Itinerary



Jujuy

Reception and taken from the airport Libertador Gral. San Martin de San Salvador de Jujuy to the hotel.



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Tropical Jungles: Calilegua National Park – Baritú

Breakfast in the hotel. We commence our enjoyable adventure visiting the National Park where we undertake a guided tour of one of the three trails, the Mamota, the Herradura or the Lagunita that go between an altitude of 475 to 1700 metres. We follow the road through sugar, banana and citrus plantations until we arrive at the Portal of Baritú which we find hidden in the tropical jungles of Salta. To go to the lodge we cross the river Bermejo by boat and walk by a cañada entering the jungle. It is a special place to observe the birds. We eat and sleep in the Portal of Baritú.

Notes:

The season to visit the Portal de Baritú is from April until November in the dry season. The climate is warm and humid. The altitudes go between 300 and 3,000 metres. The rainy season is in the summer and it receives between 900 mm and 1,300 mm per annum.

Recommended to pack for the visit:

- Long and short trousers
- Socks
- Warm jacket, polo type
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Torch and water bottle
- Binoculars
- Camera or video
- Personal medicines



Portal de Baritú

Breakfast in the hotel. We have the morning free to relax. At midday we take an intermediate level of trekking to La Ciega river returning by Los Cafetales (coffee plantations) for dinner in el Portal.

Apart from trekking by the adventure trails looking at the flora and fauna both during the day and at night, at the Lodge, it is possible to practice sport fishing. Another typical activity is to look for the footprints and marks of the puma, jaguar or tapir. We can visit the old coffee plantations, go on boat trips on the river Bermejo or hunting with the camera. There is also horse riding and the opportunity to join others and enjoy a local barbecue accompanied by a good guitar.

Los Yungas have four levels of vegetation and the height defines the type of flora and fauna. They stretch from the border with Bolivia in the north of the Salta province where they are tropical, transforming into sub tropical in Jujuy and continuing through Tucumán until Catamarca.



Portal de Baritú - Arroyo Catuy

Breakfast in the hotel. After an active day we take the morning for a well earned rest and after lunch we take another walk on the island before returning to the Lodge via the Catuy Creek. This trek takes half a day and has an intermediate difficulty. On the way it is possible to encounter the foot prints of the animals such as tapirs, jaguars, pumas and maybe the wild pigs. We should see a great variety of birds including the Toucan parrot, humming birds and maybe monkeys.

The flora is very abundant and we will observe bromelias, very large ferns, lapachos and discover the Queen of the Baritú: La maroma which translated means the thick rope. During the night time there are the typical jungle or wetland sounds of the frogs and chicharras. If you are fortunate to be there with a full moon, a walk at night on the river bank is a spectacular. After we return to dine and sleep in the Portal de Portal de Baritú.



Jujuy

Breakfast in the Hotel. We then return to San Salvador de Jujuy.



Jujuy - Buenos Aires

Desayuno en el Hotel. Traslado al Aeropuerto de Jujuy. Recepción en el Aeropuerto Jorge Newbery de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires. Traslado al Aeropuerto Internacional de Ezeiza.