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The Iguazú River begins its drop across the Iguazú Falls fault line.

Iguazú Falls, Argentina

We believe that Iguazú Falls is one of the major natural wonders of the world and if you have plans that take you to the east coast of South



America, the falls are an experience not to be overlooked.

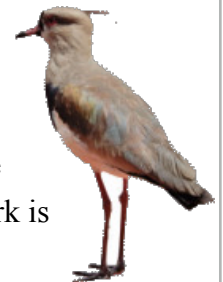
The Iguazú National Reserve was established in October 1970. Before that the area around the falls was mostly virgin forest and completely undeveloped.

Creation of the reserve allowed construction of an international airport and allowed initially for three tourist hotels. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, in 1984.

Today there is a wide range of accommodations and good restaurants in the town of Puerto Iguazú located less than a dozen miles from the park.



The falls are 800 miles slightly east of due north from Buenos Aires and surrounded by miles of Amazon forest. Iguazú Falls straddles the boarder between Venezuela and Brazil and is not far from the boarder with Uruguay. While there is a park on the Brazilian side the Venezuela park is larger and much more developed with paved walking trails, bridges, a tourist train and food concessions.



Roundtrip air from Buenos Aires by commercial jet service is usually under US\$200 with flights every few hours. It is even possible to fly up in the morning, visit Iguazú

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Falls and fly back in the evening (not recommended).

A Taxi to town from the airport is about 700 pesos (US\$11 to \$12)



from town to the Iguazu Park 600 pesos.

For the budget minded there is regular bus service that leaves from the main bus station in Puerto Iguazú to Iguazú falls. The least expensive bus from Puerto Iguazu to the Parque is the El Practico local bus. You can either catch one at Terminal de Omnibus in the center of Puerto Iguazú or anywhere en-



route, look for 'Cataratas' on the bus. The fare is 50 pesos each way and it takes 20 minutes. Buses leave about every 25 minutes from dawn until 9 p.m. (the park closes at 6 p.m.). Rush hour is 9-10 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. and often it is standing room only.

Accommodations start at \$300 to \$400 per night at the five star Gran Melia Iguazú Hotel which is actually located adjacent to the falls. In the town three and four star hotels are plentiful and in season range from under \$75 to usually under \$150.

The two of us flew round trip from Buenos Aires and stayed two nights at the St. George Hotel. We arranged a taxi to take us from the airport into Puerto Iguazú, take us to the park and back and return us to the airport and with admission to the park our total cost (excluding food) was around US\$700.



The Saint George Hotel