CHILE, ARGENTINA & URUGUAY
Join Gary Vercelli and Lesley McClurg of Capital Public Radio for a Music, Food & Wine Lovers Journey Featuring the Buenos Aires Jazz Festival!
November 4-15, 2016

“If I have to apply five turns to the screw each day for the happiness of Argentina, I will do it.”
Evita Peron

Join Capital Public Radio hosts Gary Vercelli and Lesley McClurg on a culturally-rich, sumptuous jazz and wine expedition to Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. En route from Santiago to Buenos Aires, you’ll sip velvety smooth malbecs in Mendoza, cross the Andes into Argentina and enjoy the full flavored wines of the Calchagua Valley.

In addition, you’ll be treated to the Buenos Aires Jazz Festival! A hands-on cooking class, tango dance lessons, private tours of world-class museums and outings to colorful markets are also included. You won’t want to miss out on this historic, perfectly blended adventure to South America with Capital Public Radio.

TRIP AT A GLANCE
1 Night Overnight flight to Chile
3 Nights Santiago, Chile
3 Nights Mendoza, Argentina
4 Nights Buenos Aires, Argentina
2 Night Post-tour option to Iguazu Falls
1 Night Overnight return flight
JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

The world renown Buenos Aires Jazz Festival • Numerous private wine tastings with local producers in Chile and Argentina • A private tour of the Chilean Museum of Pre-Colombian Art • The Eva Peron Museum • The handicraft market of San Telmo • A seafood lunch in the central fish market of Santiago • A lesson in cooking empanadas and carbonada and pairing Argentine foods with malbec and torrontés wines • Tango dance lessons • Visit to a colonial hacienda • A wine pairing lunch in Mendoza • Andes crossing into Argentina • Ferry across the Rio de la Plata to Colonia, Uruguay

IT’S INCLUDED

✓ Hosted by Gary Vercelli and Lesley McClurg of Capital Public Radio
✓ Four star hotel accommodations
✓ Tickets to the Buenos Aires Jazz Fest (2 nights)
✓ Breakfast daily plus twelve additional multi-course meals served in traditional settings
✓ Flight from Mendoza to Buenos Aires
✓ Private transfers by air-conditioned mini bus
✓ Entrances and special wine tasting events
✓ Fascinating city tours with local guides in Buenos Aires, Mendoza, Santa Cruz and Santiago
✓ Tango dance lessons
✓ Private museum tours highlighting the history of both countries
✓ A special cooking class in Mendoza
✓ Maps and a pre-tour reading and viewing list
✓ A pre-tour gathering at Capital Public Radio
✓ A small group of like-minded Capital Public Radio travelers who share your passion for food, wine and jazz!
✓ Alumni discounts for Capital Public Radio travelers
TRIP FACTS
13 Days/12 Nights
$4,995 Land / Including Flight in Argentina (23-29 guests)
$950 Single Supplement
*Group flight departs Sacramento on November 4, 2016
Trip begins in Santiago on Saturday, November 5, 2016
Trip ends in Buenos Aires on Tuesday, November 15
Group flight returns to Sacramento on Wednesday, November 16
Note: Thanksgiving is on November 24th, 2016

International Group flight: Provided by Delta Airlines for $1,575
Friday, November 4: Flight departs Sacramento for Santiago
Tuesday, November 15: Flight departs in the evening from Buenos Aires for Sacramento; Flight returns to Sacramento on November 16

NOT INCLUDED: Argentine tourist entrance fee of $160, country taxes, travel insurance and personal expenses in preparation for your journey.

SAVE $300
(1) Capital Public Radio Alumni save $100
(2) Reserve by April 1, 2016 and save $100
(3) Pay your final balance by check and save $100

“I have one thing that counts, and that is my heart; it burns in my soul, it aches in my flesh, and it ignites my nerves: that is my love for the people and Peron.”
Evita

YOUR CAPITAL PUBLIC RADIO ADVENTURE BEGINS...

DAY 1: Depart North America for Chile

DAY 2: Arrive in Santiago in the morning
Upon arrival in Santiago this morning, you’ll be greeted at the airport by your local Earthbound Expeditions guide and escorted to your beautiful, centrally-located hotel. Spend some time freshening up before meeting your guide and host for a fascinating exploration of the heart of Santiago. Visit Santa Lucia hill, where Pedro de Valdivia founded the city in 1542 and walk to the oldest church in Santiago. See the charming neighborhood known as Paris-Londres and visit the main square, “Plaza de Armas.” Welcome dinner included this evening. Sleep in Santiago
DAY 3: Santiago to Santa Cruz and Pablo Neruda
This morning we set out to discover one of South America’s most amazing museums, the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Housed in the elegant building of the former Royal Customs House, this is one of Chile’s best museums and offers visitors a rare glimpse into Chile’s pre-Columbian past.

We’ll have lunch in the colorful and chaotic Mercado Central, a fun way to see Chile’s agricultural exports displayed. Shoppers always enjoy watching the lively fishmongers gutting and filleting fish and the market displays every kind of fish and shellfish available along the Chilean coast. After lunch, enjoy some leisure time to explore the sites that most interest you. Options this afternoon include a visit to Pablo Neruda’s home. Dinner is included tonight and for those who are interested (and have the energy) your guide will escort you to a local jazz club. Sleep in Santiago

DAY 4: An Outing to the Maipo Wine Valley
After breakfast depart Santiago for the beautiful Maipo Wine Valley. Pronounced, “mah-EEpoa,” this is Chile’s oldest and most famous growing area. It’s a sub-region within the larger central valley region and lies just south of Santiago. Although Maipo isn’t the largest area, it contains a considerable concentration of vineyards and a large representation of important producers. Ocean breezes and elevation provide a number of cool growing areas within the region. For the most part, this is red-wine country, with cabernet sauvignon the most celebrated and widely planted variety. There are also very good examples of chardonnay, merlot, pinot noir, sauvignon blanc, and sémillon being produced. Our tasting will be at the highly acclaimed wine estate of “Viña Undurraga.” In the afternoon we will return to Santiago. Sleep in Santiago

Chile and the Carmenere Grape: A Love Story
No variety says "Chile" like Carmenere. Its re-emergence is the story of a happy accident. Carmenere was little more than an archival curiosity until the early 1990s, when winemakers discovered that many of the Chilean vines they had called Merlot were actually Carmenere. The grape once played a large part in Bordeaux winemaking, but its low yields forced it out of favor when French viticulturists replanted after the phylloxera outbreak of the 1880s. Meanwhile, Carmenere from France had quietly migrated to Chile, along with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. By the 1990s, Chileans were profiting from the worldwide fascination with Merlot. However, some winemakers noticed traits that set some of their Merlot apart. Analysis soon showed that Carmenere had been planted willy-nilly among the Merlot, and that much of Chilean Merlot was in reality Carmenere. Rather than panic, Chilean winemakers deftly turned scandal into opportunity. They recognized what Carmenere lovers have come to appreciate: the low tannins and big, bright blackberry fruit of Carmenere make it a delight to drink and an ideal match for a range of foods. Since Chile began actively marketing Carmenere in the mid-1990s, it has come to symbolize the nation much like Shiraz calls to mind Australia, Malbec, Argentina and Zinfandel, California. "The mix-up was understandable," said Randy Ullom, Winemaster for Kendall-Jackson and supervisor of winemaking for Calina. "Carmenere and Merlot are similar. But the trained eye can notice Carmenere sports pinkish leaves that set it apart."
“It is well to remember that there are five reasons for drinking: the arrival of a friend; one’s present or future thirst; the excellence of the wine; or any other reason.”

Latin saying

DAY 5: Cross the Andes to Mendoza, Argentina!
Weather-permitting, we will see the tallest mountain in the Americas. The “Puente del Inka” or “Aconcagua” soars towards the heavens to 23,000 feet. After crossing the Argentine border we reach the town of Mendoza. Located in the heart of Argentina’s premier wine country, Mendoza is perfectly situated. Full of charming boutiques, cafes and superb restaurants, Mendoza is Chile’s version of Napa Valley. Tonight you sample Argentina’s world-famous grass-fed beef with a fine, locally produced Malbec wine (vegetarian and poultry dishes also available). Sleep in Mendoza

DAY 6: Argentine Culinary Secrets & Malbec Country
After breakfast we begin our day with a bit of history of Mendoza. We’ll visit “Pedro de Castillo” Square, the very place where the city was founded, learning more about the history of Mendoza and South America. In the afternoon, we continue on to visit the Bodega Zuccardi, where our hosts have prepared a very special cooking class followed by a delicious wine pairing lunch. An optional horseback riding trip into the outback with a local gaucho may be arranged for those not wishing to spend a morning in the kitchen. Ask your guide for details. We’ll make our way back to Mendoza for a siesta before dinner (if anyone plans to eat again!) Sleep in Mendoza

DAY 7: An Outing to the Lujan de Cuyo Valley: Malbec Wine Country
Spend a leisurely free morning in a café or strolling the charming streets of Mendoza. Then, enjoy a special late afternoon lunch and wine tasting at the Bodega Norton. This winery was founded in 1895 by the English engineer Mr. Edmund James Norton and is located south of the Mendoza River in the district of Perdriel. In 1989 the winery was bought by the Austrian entrepreneur Gernot Langes Swarovski and today is one of the leading wine producers in Argentina. Sample fine Cabernet Sauvignons, Malbecs, and Merlots. Afterward we’ll visit two wineries: Achaval-Ferrer and Trapiche. Return to Mendoza in the late afternoon. Sleep in Mendoza

DAY 8: Flight to Buenos Aires & Afternoon Tour
This morning we transfer to the Mendoza airport for our morning flight to Buenos Aires. En-route from the airport in Buenos Aires to our hotel we’ll stop to discover the history of Buenos Aires. We’ll see the 16th century Plaza de Mayo with the “Casa Rosada” (government house), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the old “Cabildo” (chapter house) which was once the Spanish headquarters for this region of South America and more.

Rest up and relax before meeting your guide and host for dinner out on the town. The Buenos Aires Jazz Festival kicks off this evening. Tickets TBA. Sleep in Buenos Aires
“Latinos are tenderly enthusiastic. In Brazil they throw flowers at you.
In Argentina they throw themselves.”
Marlene Dietrich

DAY 9: Buenos Aires
After breakfast we travel down the “Avenida de Mayo” to the historic Congreso Square which leads to both National Congress and “Corrientes Avenue,” (also called “the street that never sleeps”). Near the National Congress you’ll discover the newly restored opera house known as the Theater Colon. Then we are off to discover the most colorful neighborhood in the city, known affectionately today as “La Boca.” This is the district of bohemian Italian neighborhoods overflowing with colorful shops and lively cafes. Our journey culminates with a tour of the “Recoleta” and “Palermo” districts, where we’ll learn about the remarkable life story of Evita (Eva Peron). Before returning to the hotel, we’ll stop by the city cemetery to pay our respects to Argentina’s beloved artists and intellectuals. Rest and relax at the hotel before heading out for dinner and an evening of jazz. This evening is night two of the Buenos Aires Jazz Festival. Sleep in Buenos Aires

DAY 10: An Excursion to Colonia—Uruguay!
This morning we make our way to the port, where we’ll catch a ferry from Buenos Aires to Colonia, Uruguay. We’ll cross the world’s biggest river the “Rio de la Plata” and in just over an hour arrive in what is commonly called the “Switzerland of South America:” Uruguay. Enjoy a private walk through the cobblestone streets of this colonial Portuguese town, after which we’ll have a wine tasting and farewell lunch to toast our wonderful two weeks in South America. After lunch, you’ll have free time to explore this little gem on your own before boarding the ferry in the late afternoon for Buenos Aires. This is night three of the Buenos Aires Jazz Festival. Sleep in Buenos Aires

DAY 11: Museum of Latin American Art & Tango Lessons
The mission of the Museum of Latin American Art (MALBA) is to collect, preserve, research and promote Latin American art from the onset of the 20th century to the present. This also involves educating the public to foster their knowledge in Latin American artists, in the diversity of cultural and artistic holdings in this region, sharing such responsibility both with the national and the international community. The building project was executed by AFT Architects, a renowned Argentine architectural firm.

This morning we’ll learn about artists that are well known in the Latin world, but have so far been less successful breaking into the North American market. Our private tour will focus on the highlights of the museum. After our tour we’ll have lunch.

In the afternoon we’ll make our way to a tango dance studio in order to learn the art of dance with an Argentine instructor. Enjoy night four of the Buenos Aires Jazz Festival: Sleep in Buenos Aires
DAY 12: To Market! Buenos Aires Sunday Market

Our journey together culminates in this world-class city with a visit to the Sunday market of San Telmo. This is where you'll capture a true slice of Buenos Aires life as you stroll past artisan stalls, entertaining street musicians and talented dancers demonstrating the tango.

The afternoon is yours to discover a neighborhood or museum you might have missed, but wanted to see or you can return to one of your favorite places. Book lovers won’t want to miss El Ateneo bookstore. This splendid shop is one of the best known bookshops in Buenos Aires and in Latin America. In fact, book lovers from all over the world travel here just to soak up the ambiance of the building that was designed by the architects Peró and Torres Armengol for the empresario Max Glucksman.

Your return flight home this evening departs later this evening so you'll have the entire day to enjoy Buenos Aires museums, parks and bistros. Overnight flight home

Note: Those joining the post tour extension will fly out in the late afternoon for Iguazu Falls.

DAY 13: Arrive Home with a Lifetime of Happy Memories!

As in every adventure, the itinerary subject to change.
Post-Tour Extension to Iguazú Falls

2 Days / 2 Nights (including round-trip air)
$1195 - Per person, double occupancy
$500 - Single Supplement
Journey begins on the afternoon of November 15 in Buenos Aires
Journey concludes on November 17 in Buenos Aires

INCLUDED: Roundtrip air to Iguazú Falls, airport transfers both in Buenos Aires and Iguazú, dinner upon arrival, breakfast daily, four star hotel accommodations, park entrance tickets and a three hour guided walking tour of the falls.

NOT INCLUDED: Airline surcharges for extending (if applicable), meals not mentioned and any items not listed above.

ABOUT THE FALLS: Straddling the border of Argentina and Brazil, the Iguazú Falls stretch close to two miles and this adventure provides opportunities to see both the panoramic views and the adrenaline-rushing up-close-and-wet version. Iguazú is a Tupi Indian name meaning 'great waters', and upon seeing this mighty testament of nature you are sure to understand why.

DAY 12: Post-Tour to Iguazú Falls Begins
Transfer to the airport this afternoon for your flight north to Iguazú Falls. Upon arrival, spend the day relaxing or exploring the surrounding area. Sleep near Iguazú Falls

DAY 13: Iguazú Falls
Join a half-day tour of the Brazilian National Park for amazing panoramic views of the falls, stretching almost three km long and containing over 270 separate cascades. The green jungle, thousands of butterflies, muggy heat and the roar of the falling water makes this an unforgettable vista. It's possible to take an easy walk into the canyon of the Devil's Throat. Spend the next day hiking the Argentine side of the falls. A train ride, a bridge walk, and a hike to the bottom all offer spectacular up-close views of the falls. Sleep near Iguazú Falls
DAY 14: Return Flight Home  
Transfer to airport and fly to Buenos Aires. Return flight to U.S. departs from Buenos Aires later this evening. Overnight flight to U.S.

DAY 15: Arrive Home with a Lifetime of Memories!

ABOUT THE BUENOS AIRES JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Buenos Aires jazz scene often gets overshadowed by the sounds of tango and rock ‘n’ roll, but for six days in the spring jazz music fills the city during the annual International Buenos Aires Jazz Festival.

With sounds ranging from classic bebop, to gypsy jazz, to swing and nuevo tango, the six-day festival features concerts from Argentina’s top names in jazz as well as renowned international artists.

Taking place for the past five years anywhere from mid-October to early December, Buenos Aires Jazz grows larger every year and now welcomes nearly 300 professional and up-and-coming musicians.

The jazz festival presents a chance for Argentine jazz musicians who live and work overseas to return home for some gigs and gives international musicians, who don’t usually have Buenos Aires on their tour roster, an opportunity to perform here.

The city-sponsored festival features international artists such as U.S. composer and double bass player, Mark Helias; pianist, Danny Grisset; French guitarist, Jean Francois Prins; British double bass player, Ugonna Okegwo; French drummer Eric Echampard and Brazilian big band Banda Mantiqueira.

Argentine musicians include guitarist, Gonzalo Bergara; pianist and self-described ‘punk bassist,’ Cirilo Fernández; trombone player, Francisco Salgado and his quartet; guitarist, Juan Pablo Hernández; the trio of pianist, Paula Shocron; Trumpeter Mariano Loiácono and the Mariano Sivori Sextet.

WEATHER IN BUENOS AIRES

The month of November is characterized by rising daily high temperatures, with daily highs ranging from 72°F to 77°F over the course of the month, exceeding 84°F or dropping below 65°F only one day in ten.

*** PATAGONIA ***

Have a bit of extra time and wish to see Patagonia? We can assist you in setting up a two night trip to see the glaciers of El Calafate!
MEET YOUR HOSTS

Gary G. Vercelli
Jazz Music Director

Gary Vercelli knew at an early age that jazz was his passion. "In high school, there was a 24-hour jazz station in Los Angeles, when commercial radio and jazz were not the oxymoron they are today," says Vercelli, Jazz Music Director for Capital Public Radio. "I used to listen to that station and think, one day, I'd like to work there." Eventually, he did.

While attending college at the University of California at Santa Barbara, Vercelli launched his radio career. "After graduating, I worked at KCRW, an NPR affiliate in Santa Monica," he recalls. "While I was there, I coordinated 70 hours of weekly jazz programming and produced a pilot for NPR's Jazz Alive! series." Vercelli then accepted a job at KBCA, the commercial jazz station of his high school days. During this time, he also served as the L.A. correspondent for Down Beat Magazine.

In 1980, Vercelli made his way to Sacramento as Jazz Music Director for Capital Public Radio. For the next 11 years, in addition to supervising the station's jazz programming, he produced and hosted Jazz International, a popular nightly jazz program. When Capital Public Radio added its second station with a jazz, news and information format in 1991, Vercelli easily assumed the role of music director. Before the News Station celebrated its fourth anniversary on the air, Vercelli had earned the distinction of "Jazz Broadcaster of the Year" by Gavin, a respected industry weekly. In 1993, the same publication acclaimed the station as "National Jazz Station of the Year."

When he's not on air or previewing music for the station, Vercelli enjoys visiting the Bay Area, cooking and yoga, which he has studied for more than 20 years. "I also have an interest in wines, which is diametrically opposed to my Yoga interest," he laments with a grin. "I guess I'm a classic example of east meets west.

Lesley McClurg
Food And Sustainability Reporter

Lesley is Capital Public Radio’s Food and Sustainability reporter. Before coming to Sacramento, Lesley was in the Rockies covering energy and the environment for Colorado Public Radio. Her first radio gig was as a freelance reporter and producer for KUOW in Seattle. Prior to that, Lesley spent more than three years working for the PBS affiliate in Seattle, reporting and producing long-form segments for KCTS 9 Television. Lesley is an Edward R. Murrow award winner for hard news reporting.

In addition to her work in daily news, Lesley also has extensive experience in documentary filmmaking and writing. A seven-time Emmy Award nominee, she won an Emmy Award in 2009 for the documentary, “Green Prison Reform.” Lesley holds a bachelor’s degree in mass communications from Louisiana State University.

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November 2016

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