

Make a Travel Brochure for Buenos Aires!



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The History of Buenos Aires

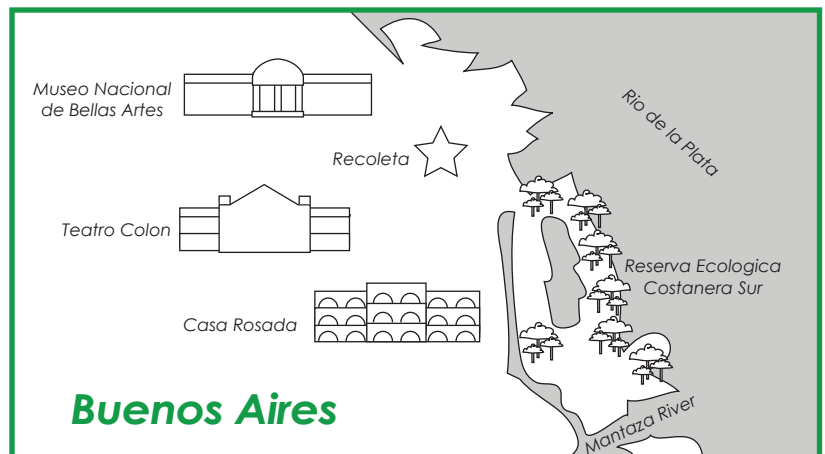
Early European exploration of the area that would become Buenos Aires was driven by rumors of plentiful silver. In 1536, Spanish soldier and explorer Pedro de Mendoza tried to establish a city at the spot that would become Buenos Aires. He named the city Ciudad de Nuestra Senora Santa Maria del Buen Ayre, meaning City of Our Lady Saint Mary of the Fair Winds. "Buen Ayre" eventually became Buenos Aires. When the Spanish settlers tried to steal food from the native peoples, the natives attacked, and the Spanish were eventually driven out. The first permanent fort was established by Spanish conquistador Juan de Garay in 1580. In 1776, Spain made Buenos Aires the capital of the colony known as the Viceroyalty of Río de la Plata, which included present-day Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, and part of Bolivia. The British attempted to invade in 1806 and again in 1807, but local residents and militias successfully repelled the invasion. In 1810, Buenos Aires declared its independence from Spain, establishing its own government. In 1853, the city became the capital of the State of Buenos Aires, a country which existed until 1860. In 1880, Buenos Aires became the capital of Argentina, which had declared independence from Spain in 1817. The citizens of Buenos Aires elected their first mayor in 1996, after the Argentinian government granted the city the right to elect its own representatives.

Tourist Attractions and Famous Locations

The Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes has a large collection of 19th- and 20th-century Argentine sculptures and paintings, as well as many important works by European masters dating back to pre-Renaissance times. Casa Rosada has been the presidential residence since 1882, and houses many of Argentina's national treasures. The Recoleta is a neighborhood of cafes, shops, and art galleries, and hosts a street fair every weekend. Teatro Colon is the most famous theater in South America, and is considered one of the best in the world. The Reserva Ecologica Costanera Sur is a nature reserve with lagoons, marshland, forests, and trails.

Famous Residents

Famous residents of Buenos Aires include writer Jorge Luis Borges; film director Miguel Bejo; Jorge Mario Bergoglio, better known as Pope Francis; tango musician Astor Piazzolla; and Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine winner Dr. Bernardo Houssay.



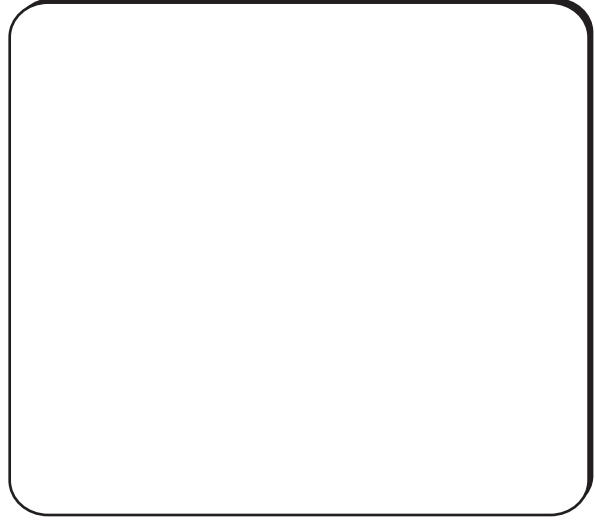
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List the main historic events in order of when they happened:

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