



Leadership

THE ANDES JOURNEY TO AMERICAN FREEDOM EXPERIENTIAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Introduction:

Learning about one of the greatest military undertakings in American history and experiencing part of it by yourself are the two main goals of the *Crossing of the Andes on muleback*. You will follow during one week the paths that San Martín, the Argentinean army general who freed Argentina, Chile and Perú from Spain, followed together with his army in 1813.

This 5-week long program has been designed for students who are interested in developing and strengthening their leadership abilities within a theoretical and experiential frame and it will be carried out in two of the most important Argentinean cities: Córdoba and Mendoza.

You will be introduced to a world of incomparable beauty that will help you discover the transcendence of values essential to leadership.

Academics:

THE PROGRAM

The program will have three stages:

1st stage in Córdoba, before the crossing of the Andes (from 01/18 to 01/24)

2nd stage in Mendoza, crossing of the Andes (from 01/25 to 02/02)

3rd stage in Córdoba, after the crossing of the Andes (from 02/03 to 02/21)

Two classes will be taught: Leadership Principles and Leadership in action. These will be complemented by History, Geography, and horse-riding and first aid lessons.

CLASSES SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				17/01 Arrival date	18/01 Orientation Day	19/01 Classes begin: *Horseback riding. Welcome BBQ
20/01 Free day	21/01 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership Principles Practical Dimension of Leadership Horseback riding 	22/01 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership Principles Practical Dimension of Leadership Horseback riding 	23/01 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership Principles Practical Dimension of Leadership Horseback riding 	24/01 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership Principles Practical Dimension of Leadership Horseback riding 	25/01 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership Principles Practical Dimension of Leadership Departure for 	26/01 Andes Crossing

					Mendoza	
27/01 Andes Crossing	28/01 Andes Crossing	29/01 Andes Crossing	30/01 Andes Crossing	31/01 Andes Crossing	01/02 Andes Crossing	02/02 Andes Crossing
03/02 Visit to Mendoza city Departure for Córdoba	4/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	5/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	6/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	7/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	08/02 Free Week End	09/02 Free Week End
10/02 Free Week End	11/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	12/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	13/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	14/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	15/02 Free Week End	16/02 Free Week End
17/02 Free Week End	18/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	19/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	20/02 1. Leadership Principles 2. Practical Dimension of Leadership	21/02 Closing. Farewell Party	22/02 Departure Day	23/02

*times and classes may vary according to needs.

UNIVERSITY COURSES / CREDITS

All courses are of advanced level, taught in English, and fully credited. Each course is worth 3 US/Canadian semester credits. Credits for courses are granted by Viator Foundation in the form of a transcript showing the number of earned credits, the course level, and grades for each course. It is recommended that students make arrangements for the transfer of credits with the appropriate official at their universities before leaving their home countries.

The Academic Approval Form is provided as a tool to help achieve this end. Upon completion, this form should not be sent in with the application. It should rather be kept in a safe place for future reference since it will be helpful to obtain proper credit for our courses at the home university.

GRADING SYSTEM

The Argentine grading system is based on a scale of zero to ten. The numbers reflect the following levels:

ARGENTINA	EXPLANATION		USA
10	Excelente	Superior work	A
8-9	Muy Bueno	Meritorious work	B
6-7	Bueno	Work without merit	C
4-5	Regular	Acceptable work	D
0-3	Insuficiente	Failure	F

FACULTY

Courses in leadership are taught by a core of dedicated professional teachers. They have lots of experience in teaching international students. The Viator Foundation faculty help students feel completely at ease. Professors are kind and approachable. A certain degree of informality and a readiness to share cross-cultural experiences are basic to Viator's perspective. The global village makes us feel every day closer and we are fully aware of that.

SPEAKERS

Get first-hand advice from leaders in business, politics, education, and the public sector.

Student's Life:

ROOM AND BOARD

Students are welcome to stay in houses or apartments. They can choose to live with a family or with a group of Argentine students. These families or student groups are carefully selected by Viator. Living with a family or with a group of native students is one of the fundamental features of the program. It is this particular aspect that makes it possible for the foreign student to truly interact with Argentines. Full board is included in the price of the program. If for any reason you have to have special meals, lunches or dinners can be purchased for very advantageous prices outside the house. The cost of food in Argentina is very low (an average meal with main dish, side dish, drink, and tip costs around 4 -7 USD).

ORIENTATION

In order to help students feel comfortable within their new surroundings, an orientation period is scheduled at the beginning of the Program.

After meeting the host families and settling down in their new homes, students will take part in a series of activities designed to inform them about the program, to meet their classmates and professors, and to get familiar with the city of Córdoba.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES / FIELD TRIPS

All the recreational activities offered by the Leadership program have two purposes. The first one is to get the student to make contact with the Argentine way of life, with the simplicity of our landscape, our people and our history. The second one is to develop a sense of community with the rest of the foreign students. We offer weekly cultural activities, including tango lessons, city tours, and the famous Argentinean b-b-q. Students will also have the opportunity to take weekend trips by themselves.

Administrative Details:

HEALTH CARE

The health care system in Argentina provides basic universal health care for all. It is highly recommended that each student bring a copy of his or her own medical records and it is mandatory obtaining travel health insurance.

COST

The price of the program is 3300 USD. This includes: tuition, housing, full board, cultural activities and airport pick up. Additional funds should be budgeted for books, supplies, local transportation, and personal expenses. Upon acceptance a Confirmation Fee is required to secure your place in the program. See payments schedule.

The price of the program does not include airfares.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment of fees should be sent to Viator's office, in accordance with the following schedule:

Application Fee: U\$S 50= (non refundable) – To be sent with the application form.

Confirmation Fee: U\$S 300= (non refundable) – To be sent upon acceptance.
The balance (U\$S3000) will be due on December 1st, 2007.

PAYMENT METHODS

Payments must be in US dollars.

All fees must be paid using any of the following methods:

1. Check to: Viator Foundation / 513 South Post Oak Lane, Apt 4 / Houston, TX 77056
2. Bank wires / Online Banking
3. E-check
4. Western Union
5. PayPal



With your *Acceptance letter* you will receive the required information according to your suitable method of payment. Please, be aware that you are responsible for any fees associated with the payment method you choose.

REFUND POLICY

Application and confirmation fees are non refundable.

If the applicant withdraws from the program forty days or more prior to the date it begins, he/she is entitled to a full refund corresponding to the fees paid for tuition room and board. If the applicant withdraws from the program thirty-nine days or less prior to the date it begins, he/she is NOT entitled to any refund corresponding to tuition fees, but will receive a refund of the money not committed paid for room and board.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Viator Foundation works for social and cultural development; therefore, we devote part of our funds to help students who are interested in taking our courses but cannot afford them. Any student who cannot pay the total amount corresponding to any program may apply for financial assistance and/or a scholarship, filling up the *Application and Financial Aid* form. Viator Foundation will grant such assistance after carefully considering each application according to funds availability. Scholarships and financial assistance are mainly devoted to students coming from developing countries. In no case, full scholarships will be granted and under no circumstances can we provide funds for traveling. We encourage students to find outside funding and we can provide a letter of support for you. Please consult your home university for funding opportunities. A large percentage of participants receive funding from their home universities to attend our program.

OTHER FINANCIAL AID

Some students have arranged financing from private sponsors, such as organizations with interests in the international arena. Students may choose to consult Peterson's Financial Resources for International Study or similar guides to organizations that offer economic help. Students may also independently investigate potential sources of financial assistance. You may be able to find additional information at the following website: www.finaid.org

Enrollment:

Participants are selected based on the quality of their application and essay. Finalists may be contacted for a phone interview and/or to be asked submit official transcripts and letters of recommendation. We encourage everyone to apply early. The committee will be reviewing applications as they are received.

REGULAR APPLICATION

For those who do NOT require financial aid admission deadline is September 1st, 2007. Applicants will receive a final answer by September 30th. Later applications will be considered according to places availability in the program. **Early applicants will receive an answer within a month of the application date.**

APPLICATION WITH FINANCIAL AID

Deadline for student applying for financial aid is September 1st, 2007. Applicants will receive a final answer by September 30th. Later applications will be considered according to funding and places availability in the program.

Dates

Regular Application Deadline	September 1st, 2007.
Acceptance letter	September 30th, 2007
Confirmation Fee	Upon acceptance
Balance deadline	December 1st, 2007.
Arrival Date	January 17th, 2008.
Orientation	January 18th, 2008.
Crossing of the Andes	January 25th, to February 2nd, 2008.
Visit to Mendoza City	February 3rd, 2008.
Closing / Farewell Party	February 21st, 2008.
Departure	February 22nd, 2008.

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» [Application and Financial Aid](#)

Location:

CORDOBA

The city of Córdoba was founded on July 6th, 1573 by Jerónimo Luis de Cabrera. It soon became a centre of education and culture during the colonial period; one of the first universities of the Americas was established here in 1613. This town is proud of its history and its long cultural tradition. Today, Córdoba is one of the university cities in Argentina, and it is also the capital of the province. It lies on both sides of the Suquía River, and at the feet of the magnificent Sierra Grande range. Córdoba is a charming metropolis where the new and the old blend together, contributing to the attractive character of the city. Neo-gothic churches from the colonial period stand next to new high-rises and modern shopping malls. Córdoba is normally humming with cultural activities and is one of the most representative cities of Argentina.

<http://www.welcomeargentina.com/cordoba/fotografias.html>

<http://www.argentinaturistica.com/informa/corimapaciudad.htm>

GEOGRAPHICAL ADVANTAGES

Córdoba is located in the very centre of Argentina which is a tremendous advantage given the fact that Argentina is such a large country. From Córdoba it is possible to visit several important tourist places such as Cuyo and the western provinces from where you can reach Chile via the Andes. For those who would like to travel more, it is not complicated to get from here to the traditional northern provinces and then to Bolivia and Machu Picchu in Perú. In the Northeast you can visit the breath-taking Iguazú Falls and from there you can travel to Brazil and

Paraguay. There are small towns around Córdoba where you can find churches, convents and houses built by the Jesuits in colonial times. These sites were important outposts of the Río de la Plata Viceroyalty, and they are included in the field trips of our culture and history classes.