

Ohio Wesleyan University/Global Exchange Argentina Tour

Draft Itinerary – May 2016

Tuesday May 10: Arrival (Day 1)

Delta # 1347 CMH 7:05 pm – ATL 8:44 pm // Delta #101 ATL 10:13 pm – EZE 9:20 am

Arrival in Ezeiza

Transfers to hotel:

Hotel Cooperativa BAUEN
Avenida Callao 360, Buenos Aires

PM: Recuperated Factories in Argentina: a conversation with Sebastian Magnani and Julian Massaldi from La Base <http://labase.org/> a NGO that finances cooperatives' projects at low cost.

EVE: Welcome dinner

Wednesday May 11 (Day 2)

9:30 AM: Orientation meeting with journalist Sergio Ciancaglini, co-founder of La Vaca, a cooperative of journalists (www.lavaca.org), professor of journalism, editor of MU, a monthly news magazine.

2 PM: City Tour

EVE: Tango recital with *La Fernandez Fierro* <http://fernandezfierro.com/>

Thursday May 12 (Day 3)

9 AM: Visit the school Creciendo Juntos, a school that provides high-quality education to children of a poor neighborhood. The teachers are paid by the state, but everything else is in charge of the community ... parents and neighbors alike.

3:30 PM: Witness the “Ronda de las Madres” in Plaza de Mayo

6 PM: Visit with Federico Tonnarelli of the BAUEN workers cooperative and the Federation of Self-managed enterprises

Friday May 13: (Day 4)

8 AM: A conversation with economist Alan Cibils. Alan Cibils holds a PhD in economics and is Professor and Chair of the Political Economy Department at the Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His research interests include monetary theory and policy, financial systems and economic development, Argentina's economic history and Latin American critical theories of development.

11 AM: Visit the UST (Union Solidaria de Trabajadores) This group of workers "recuperated" their jobs in the greatest landfill of Latin America by forming a cooperative that is in charge of creating a park over what was a huge mountain of garbage. But these workers, recognizing that they won their struggle thanks to the community, are giving back to their neighbors. 25% of their earnings is reinvested in the community. They built a sport and cultural center, a network of seven schools, a high-school for adults and an organic vegetable garden and orchard. They started a system of small loans for the community and a place where people can exchange their products. For more information: <http://cooperativaust.com.ar/>

EVE: milonga?

Saturday May 14: (Day 5)

9 AM: Visit Fundacion Camino Abierto. They started a home for children (12 and older) that are under state supervision and now they have a self-sustaining farm that provides everything to a restaurant where they serve gourmet dishes. The children grew up to be agronomists, chefs or whatever they wish. <http://www.caminoabierto.org.ar/fundacion.php>

5 PM: A conversation with Soledad Barruti, journalist, autor of *Malcomidos Cómo la industria alimentaria nos está matando*. She researches the economic model applied to the ways our food is produced and their effect on the people's health, local communities, and the environment.

Sunday May 15: (Day 6)

9 AM: A conversation with Veronica Heredia. Lawyer specialized in institutional violence cases and human rights, mainly when it affects impoverished youth. Her advocacy was instrumental in having the Argentinian State condemned by the Inter-American Human Rights Court for the disappearance of people in times of democracy.

12 PM: Stroll through arts & crafts fairs:
Feria Gauchesca de Mataderos
Feria San Telmo – Plaza Dorrego
Plaza Francia Artisan's Fair

Monday May 16: (Day 7)

AM: Visit recuperated factory: Grafica Patricios and newly formed newspaper cooperative Tiempo Argentino.

PM: A conversation with Carlos Vicente. Member of Grain <https://www.grain.org/> an NGO working to support community-controlled and biodiversity-based food systems, and member of Acción por la Biodiversidad <http://www.biodiversidadla.org/> working in support of biodiversity and food sovereignty.

EVE: Departure from Retiro Bus Terminal – overnight bus ride to Capilla del Monte, Cordoba.

Tuesday May 17: (Day 8)

We will stay at the Petit Sierras Hotel <http://www.hotelpetitsierras.com>

All day: We will visit the Tulian family a community of indigenous people that lived in the low mountains of the Province of Cordoba since ancient times. They will welcome us in their land; share with us a meal; they will tell us about their history; show us their customs and ceremonies; and tell us about their struggles, their resistance to the so-called “civilization” and to corporations interested in mining their sacred lands.

Wednesday May 18: (Day 9)

AM: We'll speak with Gabriel Chrem, independent architect who will explain the many aspects of every-day living (food, health, energy, housing, education) that are being provided by alternative communities in search of methods that in one way or another are creating a system that allow communities to live independently of the so-called “services” provided by the state.

PM: Educational Cooperative Olga Cossettini (<https://escuelacossettini.wordpress.com/>)
A school that teaches cooperation, community and strives to instill in elementary school children a sense of responsibility and an active membership in a democratic society. This is an example of a school that is neither public nor private, but supported instead by a cooperative system of teachers, parents and community.

(If time permits) Asociacion Amigos del Museo Ambato de La Falda

What happens when a collector of archeological objects dies without leaving any instructions on how to keep the collection for the benefit of the community? A group of interested neighbors formed this association to protect not only the collection but also the building where it was supposed to be kept. Their struggle and success was noticed by the UN Habitat as an example of “best practice” in the “Foro Iberoamericano y del Caribe sobre Mejores Practicas” (<http://mejorespracticass.com/>)

Thursday May 19: (Day 10)

AM: Cooperativa Viarava (<http://viarava.org.ar/>) We will meet with Laura and Agustin, members of a cooperative of radio-journalists that produces an array of news and cultural programs with an independent point of view, broadcasting and respecting the local culture and facilitating the access to community news to remote areas. They sustain a local news service that participates in a regional network of community radios. They are creating an incipient school of journalism. They promote and take advantage of modern technologies with emphasis in the free-software movement.

PM: Resisting Monsanto. About 4 years ago Monsanto decided to build a seed plant in the outskirts of the city of Cordoba, in the neighborhood of Malvinas Argentinas. That did not go well with the residents that were already aware of the deadly consequences that genetically modified crops bring to the local population that has to live under constant glysofate fumigation and to the health of the people in general. It's been already three years that this group of neighbors maintain the “occupation” of the grounds where the plant was supposed to be build! We will talk with some of the members of “Malvinas lucha por la vida” (Malvinas fight for life) and learn about their struggle.

EVE: Flight back to Buenos Aires

Friday May 20: (Day 11)

AM: Visit the Parque de la Memoria and the “Casa Por La Identidad” <https://www.abuelas.org.ar/abuelas/casa-la-identidad-12> of the Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo, an organization is devoted to finding those children that were either kidnapped together with their parents or were born in captivity during the last military dictatorship. In either case, they were ripped from their true identity and were raised by “good families”.
<http://www.abuelas.org.ar/>

PM: Closing conversation with Sergio Ciancaglini

Saturday May 21: (Day 12)

AM: Naturaleza Viva <http://naturalezavivaargentina.jimdo.com/>

A farm that is almost completely self-sufficient, located in the Province of Santa Fe, it is a demonstration of what can be done and how to do it when devoted to natural methods of crop cultivation and dairy production. We will talk with Enrique Venica, son of Remo and Irmina, who is in charge of the management of the farm.

PM: Participate and exchange ideas with the students of the Certification Program on Environmental Communication taught by Enrique Venica, Sergio Ciancaglini, Claudia Acuña and others

4:30 PM: Departure – transfer to Ezeiza airport

Delta #110 EZE 8:10 pm – ATL 5:35 am // Delta # 1681 ATL 7:48 am – CMH 9:18 am
