

EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

BUENOS AIRES

Learning about yourself and the world around you happens both in and outside the classroom. Read below for an overview of the excursions and activities offered during your Verto experience abroad!

Excursions

The following is a list of excursions that Verto organizes, included as part of your abroad experience fee. You will go on excursions with your Care Team, giving you the opportunity to get closer to your community while also seeing new and fantastic places!

Day Trip: Tigre

A lively and beautiful town just north of Buenos Aires, Tigre offers the perfect setting to disconnect from city life and enjoy nature as a community during Discovery Week.

Day Trip: Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay

A tiny little colonial town that sits on Uruguay's southern border. It's a 1600s slow-paced and relaxed city, surrounded by nature and the Rio de la Plata river. It's the perfect weekend getaway.

Day Trip: Local *estancia*

Visit a 150-year-old local *estancia*, an Argentinian ranch, in the countryside of Buenos Aires province. You will experience the lifestyle of *gauchos* from the Pampas region.

During your Verto semester, you will embark on **ONE** three-day trip as part of the experiential learning and co-curricular programming. Throughout Discovery Week, you will have the opportunity to learn about and choose one:

Overnight Trip of your choice: Iguazú Falls or Bariloche

The **Iguazú Falls** are an unforgettable experience, with their jaw-dropping power and noise. Split between Brazil and Argentina, they reside in a vast national park filled with rainforest and diverse wildlife.

Explore a private reserve for kayaking and immersive nature experiences, visit "Hito 3 Fronteras" marking the meeting point of Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay, and witness the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls National Park, where you can even navigate under the cascades.

San Carlos de Bariloche, located in the Argentine Patagonia, is famous for its stunning lakes, snow-capped mountains, and Swiss-style architecture. It's a perfect destination for nature lovers and adventurers alike.

During the trip, you can enjoy an afternoon exploring the scenic *Circuito Chico*, including light trekking through breathtaking landscapes. Also we will visit a local chocolate factory and have an exciting rafting adventure, topped with a riverside lunch surrounded by nature. A perfect mix of relaxation, culture, and nature!

Experiential Learning

Every course includes experiential learning as part of its delivery. This may include visits outside of the classroom, guest speakers, or hands-on class activities.

Here are a few examples of experiential learning activities that were offered in the past. Please note: The specific activities and courses described here are examples and may or may not be offered during term.

Visit local museums and cultural centers to discover the past and present of Argentina and Latin America in Making Modern Latin America and International Relations.

Elementary Spanish I & II: Put your Spanish skills into practice during a group treasure hunt at the Ateneo Splendid Library.

Visit local Universities during Quantitative Reasoning, Diversity and Social Justice, Intro to Psychology, and Biology.

Activities

During the week, Verto staff will organize activities for you to get to know one another, develop skills, and have fun. Students (aka YOU!) will also play a role in organizing activities. Here are some highlight activities that we are excited to offer:

Student-led Activities: Our students are very proactive and contribute great activity ideas to our community. Our Peerleaders (chosen by each Care Team as a representative of the students' voice) take the lead to organize engaging activities and events to build a stronger community. During Discovery Week, you'll learn how to turn your ideas into action! Whether a sport, hobby, or initiative, thank you for bringing your passion to our community.

Weekly Activities: Enjoy Care Team hangouts, Tango classes, *futbol* matches, and more!

Independent Travel

During weekends, should you wish to travel away from your Verto location, **you must fill out the Independent Travel Log in the Verto Safe App** ([Android](#)/[Apple](#)) so we know where you're going. Don't worry, we're not going to track you! We just need to account for everyone in case of an emergency.

Check out Verto's social media to learn where students have traveled in previous years!

More resources

- [How to Take the Subte in Buenos Aires](#)
- [Decorative Museum of Arts](#)
- [Weekend in my life in Argentina](#)
- [Iguazú Falls](#)