

# EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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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 to 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 to 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.

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 of these three destinations:

#### **Iguazú Falls:**

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.

#### **Bariloche:**

Bariloche is a charming town located in Río Negro Province of Argentina, nestled within the northern region of Patagonia. Surrounded by lakes and the Andes Mountains' peaks.

During this trip, you can enjoy a boat ride or rafting on a river, trek through the Bosques de Arrayanes National Park, and visit a chocolate factory for a sweet treat, all amidst Bariloche's stunning Patagonian landscapes.

### **Puerto Madryn:**

Puerto Madryn, situated on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, boasts breathtaking coastal landscapes and abundant marine life.

During your trip to Madryn, visit Welsh towns to understand the cultural context before embarking on a nature adventure. Enjoy the Atlantic Ocean's shore landscapes and go on a whale-watching adventure. The next day, explore Puerto Pirámides and marvel at thriving penguin and sea lion communities along the coast.

## **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 Clubs:** You are welcome to start and/or join a club! We will give you more information on how to do so on-site, if there is something that you are passionate about or interested in discussing

with others! In the past, participants have formed books, movies, coffee, Spanish speaking clubs, and more!

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

## Independent Travel

If you wish to travel away from your Verto location on weekends, you must fill out the Independent Travel Form 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](#)
- [Iquazú Falls](#)