



# Day Trips from Buenos Aires

## Tigre & the Delta p156

Take laid-back boat rides along the peaceful backwaters of the Paraná Delta. Interesting museums and a nearby outdoor market are pluses.

## San Isidro p158

Enjoy spectacular river views and visit several worthwhile museums in this affluent city suburb that's steeped in history.

## San Antonio de Areco p159

Explore this serene pampas village and its historic buildings, and perhaps visit a nearby *estancia* (ranch). If you're lucky, you might spot a gaucho or two.

## Colonia p162

Located across the Río de la Plata in Uruguay, this pleasant little colonial town is lined with cobbled streets and charming old buildings.

# Tigre & the Delta

## Explore

The city of Tigre (35km north of Buenos Aires) and the surrounding delta region is a popular weekend getaway for weary *porteños* (residents of Buenos Aires). Latte-colored waters, tinted by sediment that results from large quantities of water from South America's great rivers being forced through smaller tributaries, flow through what is the third-largest river delta in the world. Glimpse into how locals live along peaceful canals, with boats as their only transportation. All along the shorelines are signs of water-related activity, from kayaking to canoeing to sculling.

## The Best...

- **Sight** Museo de Arte Tigre
- **Place to Eat** Boulevard Sáenz Peña
- **Place to Drink** Maria Luján

## Top Tip

Kayak or canoe tours are a good way to explore the peaceful back waterways of the delta. Try El Dorado Kayak or Bonanza Deltaventura.

## Getting There & Away

- **Train** You can take the Tigre branch of the Mitre line train (with/without SUBE AR\$6/12) from Retiro (one hour) or Belgrano C (45 minutes). The most scenic way to reach Tigre is via the **Tren de la Costa** (☎0800-222-8736; [www.trendelacosta.com.ar](http://www.trendelacosta.com.ar); tickets AR\$20), whose southernmost station (Maipú) is in the suburb of Olivos. The Mitre train from Retiro will take you to Maipú (get off at Mitre station at the end of the line and cross the pedestrian bridge to Maipú). You can also reach Maipú station on the 152 bus, which stops at Plaza Italia in Palermo.
- **Boat Sturla Viajes** (Map p236; ☎in BA 011-4314-8555, in Tigre 011-4731-1300; [www.sturlaviajes.com.ar](http://www.sturlaviajes.com.ar); Cecilia Grierson 400; one-way/return AR\$450/590; ☎92, 106) You can take the Sturla boat straight to Tigre from Puerto Madero. Boats leave Puerto Madero

at 10am (journey time two hours) and make the return trip from Tigre's Estación Fluvial at 4pm.

## Need to Know

- **Area Code** ☎011
- **Location** 35km northwest of Buenos Aires
- **Tourist Office** (☎011-4512-4497; [www.vivittigre.gov.ar](http://www.vivittigre.gov.ar); Bartolomé Mitre 305; ☎9am-6pm)



## SIGHTS

Tigre city itself is very walkable and its main sights are easily reached on foot.

### MUSEO DE ARTE TIGRE

MUSEUM

(☎011-4512-4528; [www.mat.gov.ar](http://www.mat.gov.ar); Paseo Victorica 972; AR\$40; ☎9am-7pm Wed-Fri, noon-7pm Sat & Sun) Tigre's grandest museum is located in a magnificent 1912 social club. Inside, it showcases the work of famous Argentine artists from the 19th and 20th centuries. Perched on the river bank in glorious grounds, the building in itself is worth a visit. Guided tours in Spanish are given at 11am and 5pm Wednesday to Friday and more frequently on weekends.

### MUSEO NAVAL

MUSEUM

(Naval Museum; ☎011-4749-0608; Paseo Victorica 602; AR\$20; ☎8:30am-5:30pm Mon-Fri, 10:30am-6:30pm Sat & Sun) This worthwhile museum traces the history of the Argentine navy with an eclectic mix of historical photos, old maps, artillery displays and pickled sea critters. The intricate scale models of various naval ships are particularly impressive.

### PUERTO DE FRUTOS

MARKET

(Sarmiento 160; ☎10am-6pm) At this popular market, vendors sell homewares, furniture, wicker baskets, souvenirs and knickknacks; there are restaurants too. Weekends are busiest.

### PARQUE DE LA COSTA

AMUSEMENT PARK

(☎011-4002-6000; [www.parquedelacosta.com.ar](http://www.parquedelacosta.com.ar); Vivanco 1509; AR\$285; ☎11am-6pm Fri, to 7:15pm Sat & Sun) Near to Puerto de Frutos is Tigre's amusement park with some fun attractions including roller-coaster rides and waterslides.