



Chile, Argentina, & Uruguay!

Join host Jose Rizo of KJAZZ Radio

March 14 - 24, 2024



Hola! Join me, KJAZZ host Jose Rizo, as Letty and I host our 13th jazz adventure with Earthbound Expeditions. On this tailor-made jazz outing to Chile and Argentina we will be treated to multiple jazz outings, sip velvety smooth Malbecs in Mendoza, cross the Andes into Argentina and enjoy the full-flavored wines of the of the Casa Blanca Valley in Chile.

In addition, you'll be treated to a tango performance, private tours of world-class museums and outings to colorful markets.

You won't want to miss out on this perfect blend of music, wine, food and adventure to South America with KJAZZ radio! Space is limited!

TRIP AT A GLANCE

1 Night	Overnight flight to Chile
3 Nights	Santiago, Chile
3 Nights	Mendoza, Argentina
4 Nights	Buenos Aires, Argentina
1 Night	Overnight return flight



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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Multiple jazz performances (TBA) ♦ Numerous private wine tastings with local producers ♦ A private tour of the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art ♦ The Eva Peron Museum ♦ The handicraft market ♦ Central fish market of Santiago ♦ Tango dance performance ♦ A wine pairing lunch and cooking class in Mendoza ♦ Andes crossing into Argentina via private motor coach ♦ Ferry ride across the Rio de la Plata to Colonia, Uruguay ♦ Travel with friends who share your passions for jazz, food, wine and culture.

IT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Hosted by Jose Rizo of KJAZZ radio.
- ✓ Guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions Tour Manager
- ✓ Four-star hotel accommodation throughout the journey
- ✓ Breakfast daily plus lunch or dinner each day
- ✓ Flight from Mendoza to Buenos Aires
- ✓ Private transport by air-conditioned motor coach
- ✓ Entrances and special wine tasting events.
- ✓ Fascinating city tours with local guides in Buenos Aires, Mendoza, and Santiago
- ✓ Tango dance performance
- ✓ Private museum tours highlighting the history of both countries.
- ✓ A special cooking class in Mendoza
- ✓ Alumni discounts for KJAZZ radio travelers



TRIP FACTS

13 Days/12 Nights (when including air travel)

\$5,995 per person, double occupancy includes domestic flight in Argentina.

\$1,475 single supplement (*waived if you are willing to share and a roommate is found*)

Group flight departs: Los Angeles on March 13, 2024

Trip begins: Santiago on March 14

Trip ends: Buenos Aires on March 24

Group flight returns: Los Angeles on March 25

\$1,975 OPTIONAL GROUP AIR: On Delta Airlines

*You may choose to book your own flight independently in business class or choose another airline. Group tickets are in economy.

March 13, 2024: Depart Los Angeles at 9:00 AM

4-hour layover in Atlanta

March 14: Arrive in Santiago at 7:10 AM

March 24: Depart Buenos Aires at 11:15 PM

8-hour layover in Atlanta

March 25: Arrive in Los Angeles at 6:09 PM

WAYS TO SAVE: \$250

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Your Jazz Adventure Begins!

Travel Day: Wednesday, March 13 - Depart North America for Chile

You'll need to depart the US no later than today. An optional group flight from Los Angeles will be available. Details coming soon.



DAY 1: Thursday, March 14 - Arrive in Santiago in the morning

Upon arrival in Santiago this morning, you'll be greeted at the airport and escorted to your beautiful, centrally-located hotel. Spend some time freshening up before meeting your guide and host for a fascinating exploration of the heart of Santiago. Visit Santa Lucia hill, where Pedro de Valdivia founded the city in 1542 and walk to the oldest church in Santiago. See the charming neighborhood

known as Paris-Londres and visit the main square, "Plaza de Armas." A welcome dinner is included this evening. *Sleep in Santiago (D)*

"It is well to remember that there are five reasons for drinking: the arrival of a friend; one's present or future thirst; the excellence of the wine; or any other reason."

Latin saying



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DAY 2: Friday, March 15 - Santiago to Santa Cruz and Pablo Neruda



This morning we set out to discover one of South America's most amazing museums, the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Housed in the elegant building of the former Royal Customs House, this is one of Chile's best museums and offers visitors a rare glimpse into Chile's pre-Columbian past.

We'll have lunch in the colorful and chaotic Mercado Central, a fun way to see Chile's agricultural exports displayed. Shoppers always enjoy watching the lively fishmongers gutting and filleting fish and the market displays every kind of fish and shellfish available along the Chilean coast. After lunch, enjoy some leisure time to explore the sites that most interest you. Options this afternoon include a visit to Pablo Neruda's home. Dinner is included tonight and for those who are interested (and have the energy) your guide will escort you to a local jazz club. *Sleep in Santiago (B, D)*

DAY 3: An outing to Valparaíso and the wines of the Casa Blanca Valley

After breakfast depart Santiago for Valparaíso. The 'Jewel of the Pacific,' as Valparaíso is known, is an artsy, whimsical city steeped in history. It is also home to the fabulous Pablo Neruda Museum, to Chile's legislative Congress and the Chilean navy.

Upon arrival in "Valpo" we will visit the former home of Pablo Neruda. Self-styled 'captain of the land', Nobel Prize-winning poet Pablo Neruda converted this house into a ship-shaped home in the 1960s, complete with eccentric paraphernalia acquired on foreign adventures. A French carousel horse, a stuffed emperor penguin chick and an Italian ceramic cow have all been playfully arranged here, reflecting the artist's wry sense of humor. An audio guide weaves anecdotes with biographical details to paint a picture of one of South America's most colorful characters.

After our tour and lunch, we make our way to the Casablanca Valley. This relatively new wine region developed in the 1980s. Coastal breezes keep the climate cool, and morning fog provides a daily dose of moisture. This distinct climate lends itself to the production of white grapes, particularly Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.

Return to Santiago in the late afternoon. *Sleep in Santiago (B, L)*



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DAY 4: Sunday, March 17 - Cross the Andes to Mendoza, Argentina!

Weather-permitting, we will see the tallest mountain in the Americas this morning. The “Puente del Inka” or “Aconcagua” soars towards the heavens to 23,000 feet. After crossing the Argentine border we reach the town of Mendoza. Mendoza is perfectly situated in the heart of Argentina’s premier wine country. Full of charming boutiques, cafes and superb restaurants, Mendoza is Chile’s version of Napa Valley. Tonight you’ll sample Argentina’s world-famous grass-fed beef with a fine, locally-produced Malbec wine (vegetarian and poultry dishes also available). *Sleep in Mendoza (B, D)*

DAY 5: Monday, March 18 - Argentine Culinary Secrets and Malbec Country

After breakfast we begin our day with a bit of history of Mendoza. We’ll visit “Pedro de Castillo” Square, the very place where the city was founded, learning more about the history of Mendoza and South America. In the afternoon, we continue on to visit the Bodega Zuccardi, where our hosts have prepared a very special cooking class followed by a delicious wine pairing lunch. We’ll make our way back to Mendoza for a siesta before dinner (if anyone plans to eat again!)

Sleep in Mendoza (B, L)



DAY 6: Tuesday, March 19 - Lujan de Cuyo Valley: Malbec Wine Country

Spend a leisurely free morning in a café or strolling the charming streets of Mendoza. Then, enjoy a special late afternoon lunch and wine tasting at the Bodega Norton. This winery was founded in 1895 by the English engineer Mr. Edmund James Norton and is located south of the Mendoza River in the district of Perdriel. In 1989 the winery was bought by the Austrian entrepreneur Gernot Langes Swarovski and today is one of the leading wine producers in Argentina. Sample fine Cabernet Sauvignons, Malbecs, and Merlots. Afterward we’ll visit two wineries: Achaval-Ferrer and Trapiche. Return to Mendoza in the late afternoon. *Sleep in Mendoza (B, L)*



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Enjoy a lively tango performance!

DAY 7: Wednesday, March 20 - Flight to Buenos Aires and Afternoon Tour

This morning we transfer to the Mendoza airport for our morning flight to Buenos Aires. En-route from the airport in Buenos Aires to our hotel we'll stop to discover the history of the city. We'll see the 16th century Plaza de Mayo with the "Casa Rosada" (government house), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the old "Cabildo" (chapter house) which was once the Spanish headquarters for this region of South America.

Rest up and relax before meeting your guide and host for dinner out on the town.

Sleep in Buenos Aires (B, D)

DAY 8: Thursday, March 21 - Buenos Aires

After breakfast we travel down the "Avenida de Mayo" to the historic Congreso Square which leads to both National Congress and "Corrientes Avenue," (also called "the street that never sleeps"). Near the National Congress is the newly restored opera house known as the Theater Colon. Then we are off to discover the most colorful neighborhood in the city, known affectionately today as "La Boca." This is the district of bohemian Italian neighborhoods overflowing with colorful shops and lively cafes. Our journey culminates with a tour of the "Recoleta" and "Palermo" districts, where we'll learn about the remarkable life story of Evita (Eva Peron). Before returning to the hotel, we'll stop by the city cemetery to pay our respects to Argentina's beloved artists and intellectuals. Rest and relax at the hotel before heading out for dinner and an evening of jazz.

Sleep in Buenos Aires (B, D)



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*"I have one thing that counts, and that is my heart; it burns in my soul, it aches in my flesh,
and it ignites my nerves: that is my love for the people and Peron."
Evita*

DAY 9: Friday, March 22 - An Excursion to Colonia, Uruguay!

This morning we make our way to the port where we'll catch a ferry from Buenos Aires to Colonia, Uruguay. We'll cross the world's biggest river the "Rio de la Plata" and in just over an hour arrive in what is commonly called the "Switzerland of South America". Enjoy a private walk through the cobblestone streets of this colonial Portuguese town, after which we'll have a wine tasting and lunch. After lunch, you'll have free time to explore this little gem on your own before boarding the ferry in the late afternoon for Buenos Aires.

Sleep in Buenos Aires (B)

DAY 10: Saturday, March 23 - Museum of Latin American Art and Tango

The mission of the Museum of Latin American Art (MALBA) is to collect, preserve, research and promote Latin American art from the onset of the 20th century to the present. This also involves educating the public to foster their knowledge in Latin American artists, in the diversity of cultural and artistic holdings in this region, sharing such responsibility both with the national and the international community. The building project was executed by AFT Architects, a renowned Argentine architectural firm.



This morning we'll learn about artists that are well known in the Latin world but have so far been less successful breaking into the North American market. Our private tour will focus on the highlights of the museum. After our tour we'll have lunch.

This evening we'll make our way to a tango hall in order to learn the art of dance in Argentina. *Sleep in Buenos Aires (B, L)*



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DAY 11: Sunday, March 24 - To Market! Buenos Aires Sunday Market

Our journey together culminates in this world-class city with a visit to the Sunday market of San Telmo. This is where you'll capture a true slice of Buenos Aires life as you stroll past artisan stalls, entertaining street musicians and talented dancers demonstrating the tango.

The afternoon is yours to discover a neighborhood or museum you might have missed or you can return to one of your favorite places. Book lovers won't want to miss El Ateneo bookstore. This splendid shop is one of the best-known bookshops in Buenos Aires and in Latin America. In fact, book lovers from all over the world travel here just to soak up the ambiance of the building that was designed by the architects Peró and Torres Armengol for the empresario Max Glucksman.

Before your return flight home this evening, we will host a farewell dinner to mark the conclusion of your journey. *Overnight flight home (B)*

DAY 12: Monday, March 25 - Arrive Home with a Lifetime of Happy Memories!

- As with every adventure, the itinerary subject to change -



RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS

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Meet Your Hosts!



Jose Rizo (pictured here with his co-host extraordinaire, Letty) was born in Guadalajara, Mexico and raised in Oxnard, California. He played trumpet in high school, but it was not until he was a student at U.C. Santa Barbara that he developed his passion for jazz. In the late 70's, Jose was the founder of "Radio Chicano", a student and community broadcasting organization based on the Santa Barbara campus at KCSB, where he served as program director for two years. His Sunday night show at KCSB was called "Barrio Salsoul", where he explored latin-jazz music and salsa. In 1975, Jose also hosted the weekly music/public affairs radio show "La Vos de la Raza" at Santa Barbara's top-40 radio station KIST. As a UCSB student, Jose produced the yearly Cinco de Mayo Dance Concerts, where he began to work with such artists as Poncho Sanchez and Los Lobos.

Rizo began hosting "Jazz on the Latin Side" on KLON (now KJazz) on January 6, 1990. He was intricately involved on KLON's "Latin Jazz Club Caravans" and served as a member of the Grammy's Screening committee for Latin Jazz. He was also the artistic director of the Luckman Fine Arts Latin Jazz Concert Series, where he worked with Eddie Palmieri, Poncho Sanchez, Dianne Reeves, Jerry Gonzalez, David Sanchez, Ozomatli, Los Lobos, Giovanni Hidalgo, and many others. Jose also founded the memorable KJazz High School Jazz Festival".

Jose has been involved with the "Central Avenue Jazz Festival" since its inception. For the last 10 years, he has served as the festival's artistic director, sharing those duties in the past with Buddy Collette and Teddy Edwards. The "Central Avenue Jazz Festival" focuses on showcasing great Los Angeles-based jazz musicians like Gerald Wilson, Barbara Morrison, Ernie Andrews, Poncho Sanchez, Anthony Wilson, and Carmen Lundy.

The "Jazz on the Latin Side All Stars" is a power-house Latin jazz ensemble founded and led by Jose Rizo. The "Jazz on the Latin Side All Stars" was formed a few months after a jam session at B.B. King's, celebrating 10 years of "Jazz on the Latin Side" on KJazz in January of 2000. This group has recorded two Jazz Week-top 10 CDs, "The Last Bullfighter" and "Tambolero", on the Saungu Record label. Ensemble members include luminaries like Justo Almarino, Danilo Lozano, Marvin "Smitty" Smith, Francisco Aguabella, Alex Acuna, Poncho Sanchez, Gilbert Castellanos, and many others. They have performed at the Playboy Jazz Festival, Yoshi's, The Greek Theatre and at all the top local jazz venues.



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