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In addition to being a record of a memorable journey for us, this book is for our good friend Argentinian-born Livio Ferrari, who served as a superb facilitator and guide throughout our three-country tour.

It would have been far less fun and informative without him and the family, friends and life-long contacts he introduced to us along the way.

Thanks a million, Liv!





October 22 - November 2, 2022

Miami - Buenos Aires, Argentina
Buenos Aires - Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay
Buenos Aires - Mendoza, Argentina
Mendoza - Foz do Iguazu, Brazil
Foz do Iguazu - Buenos Aires
Buenos Aires - Miami







The Plaza de Mayo (left), and the tomb of José de San Martín, the liberator of Argentina, and the Mayor's offices (below).





Maestro Ramón Tebar (right) points out the art deco building just off the city's Plaza de Mayo where Puccini stayed when working in Buenos Aires.





Refreshment break at the popular coffee and pastry shop London City.



Galleria Pacífico, Buenos Aires, fashioned after Milan's famed Galleria, opposite La Scala.







*A beautiful theater
in the heart of the
city imaginatively
transformed into a
popular book store
known as El
Ateneo.*





*Gala Tango
dinner show in
Buenos Aires.*





Ready for a triumphant performance of The Pearl Fishers conducted by Ramón Tebar to rave reviews in the magnificent Teatro Colón, one of the world's top ten opera houses.

Bizet's
The Pearl Fishers

A promotional graphic for Bizet's 'The Pearl Fishers'. The title is written in a large, stylized font against a blue background. 'The' and 'Fishers' are in white, while 'Pearl' is in orange. The background features a close-up of a large, glowing blue pearl at the bottom.









Argentina's Presidential Palace once presided over by the firebrand couple Juan and Eva "Evita" Perón (top left).



This is the Presidential Palace balcony famously used by Eva Peron as a platform for her passionate oratory that once fired up the people's widespread support. I used it to wave and cry "My people!" at a visiting group of schoolchildren below who enthusiastically waved back, much to our guide's amused horror.



Facing the Presidential Place, the Plaza de Mayo has been the scene of many of the city's most important events, demonstrations and protests since the first political rally here in 1890.



*A private tour of the Presidential Palace
allowed us the unique opportunity to be
photographed behind the President's
desk!*







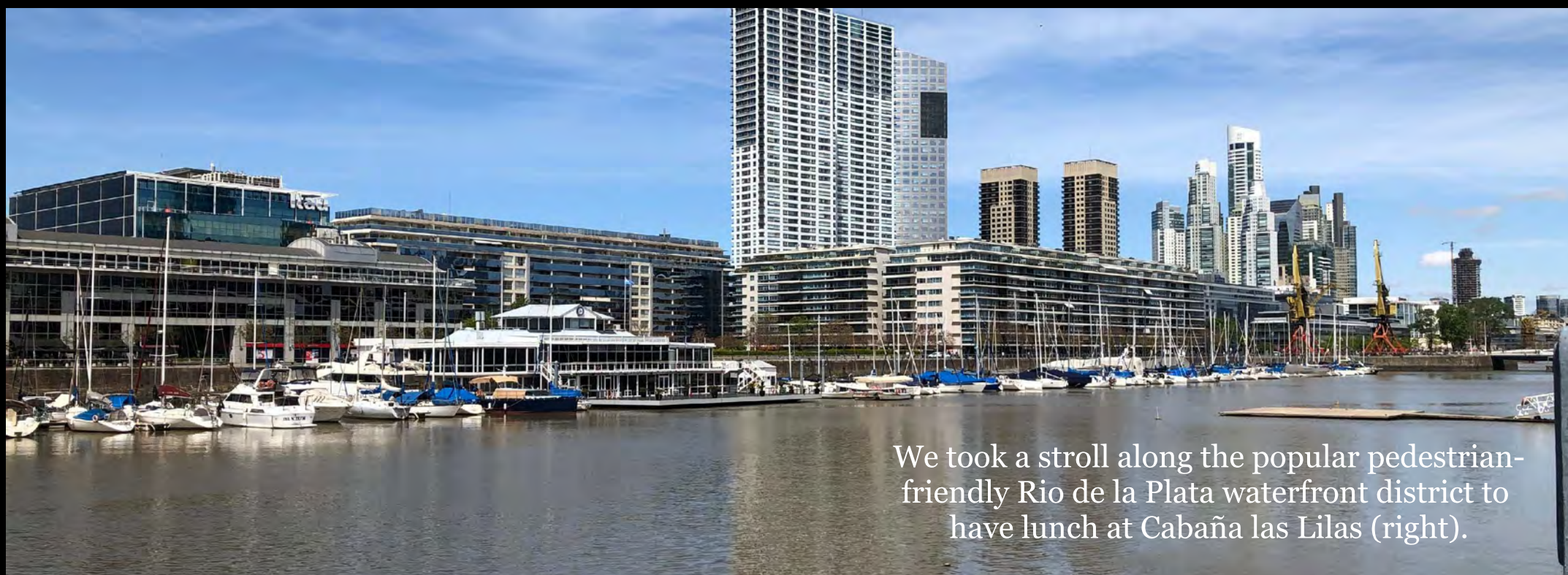


*This is Teatro Colón's set and costume workshop.
Underwritten by the government, its brilliantly
presented as a showroom and museum open to the
general public.*

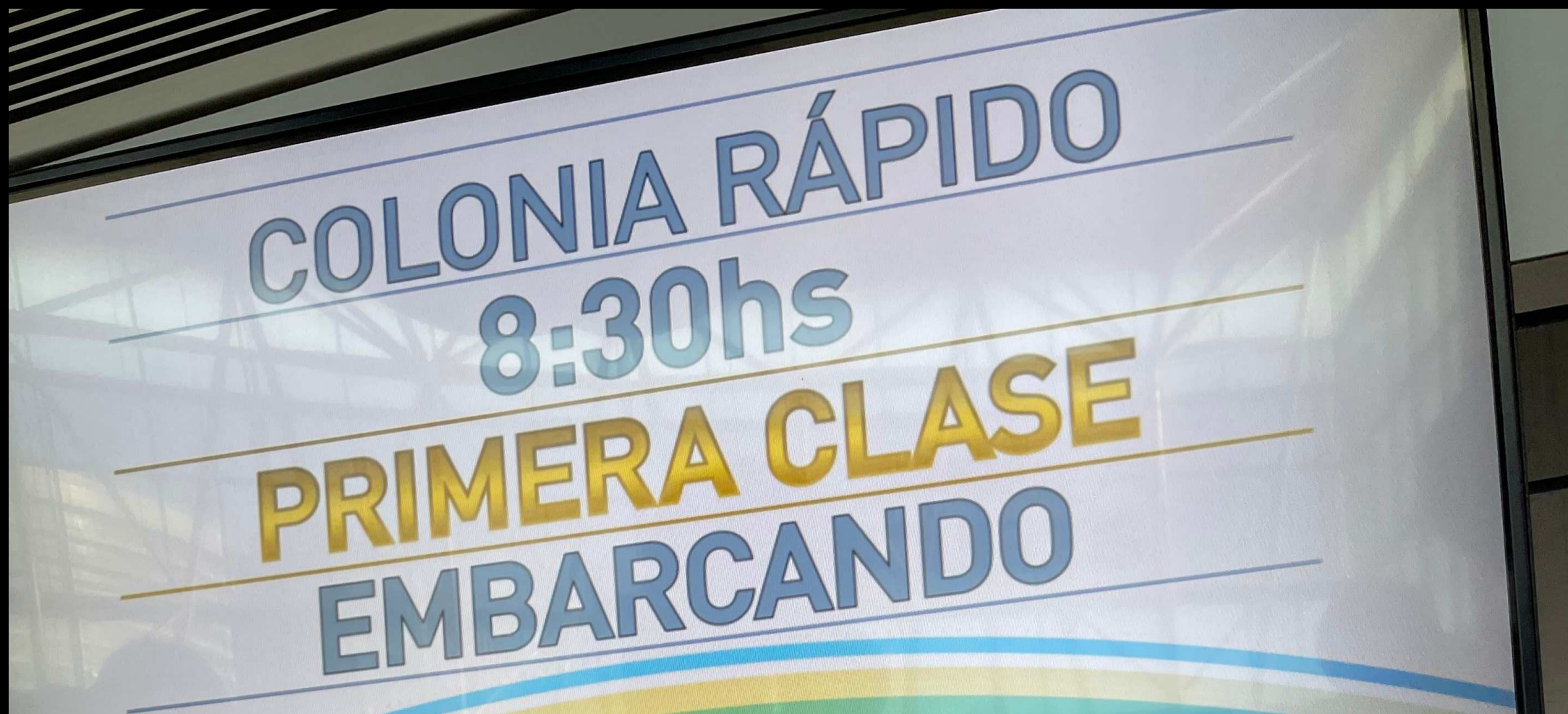














The ferry from Buenos Aires across the Rio de la Plata to Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay, takes a little over an hour, transporting first-class passengers in plush surroundings with premium service.



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WELCOME TO URUGUAY
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ASOCIACIÓN NACIONAL DE PUERTOS
del Uruguay



Colonia del Sacramento is known for its cobblestone Barrio Histórico, lined with buildings from its time as a Portuguese settlement founded in 1680.

Protected as a UNESCO World Heritage site, it attracts tourists from all over the world.









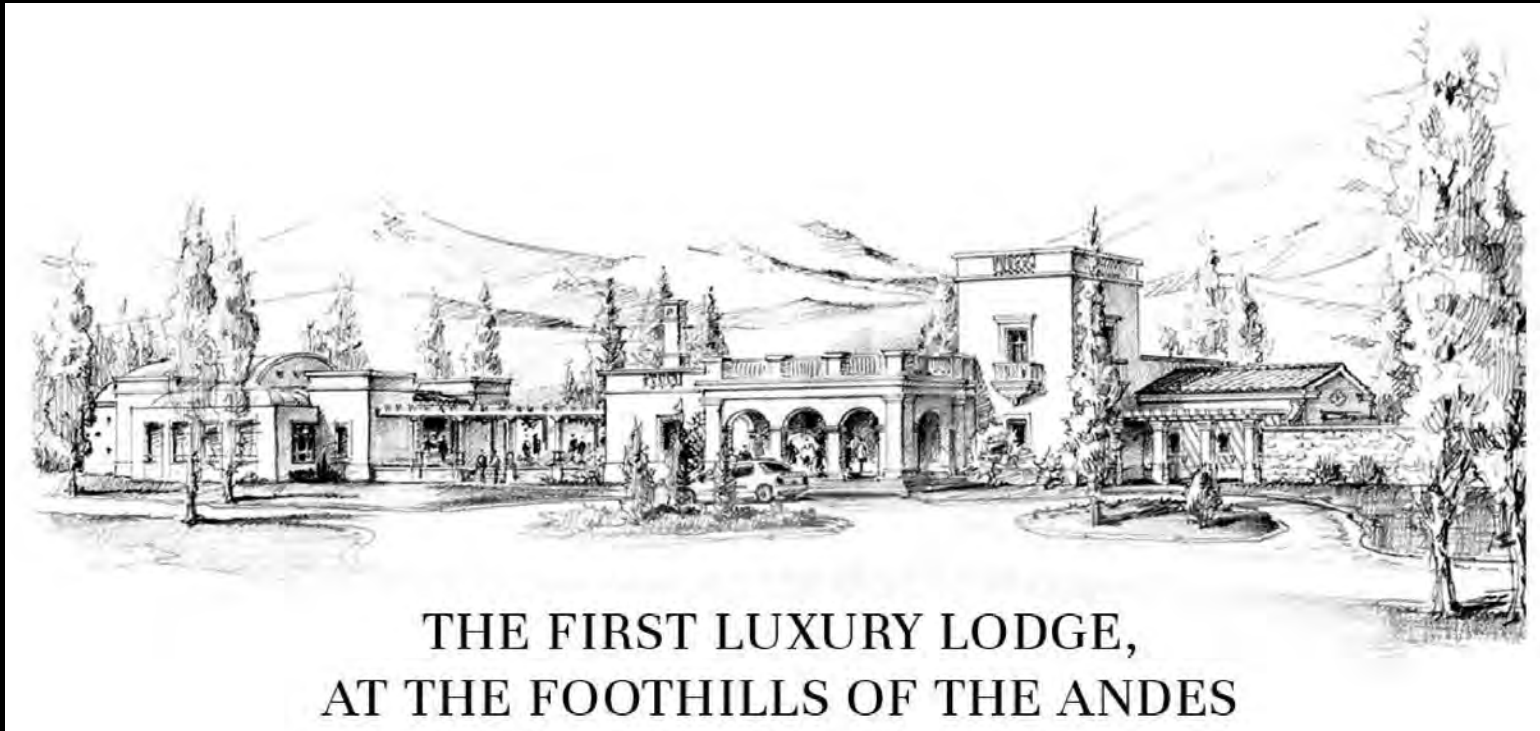








***THE CAVAS WINE LODGE
MENDOZA***



















Wine tasting at Norton, Mendoza, rated "One of the world's greatest wineries."





Livio also arranged for an exceptional lunch and wine tasting at the Catena family's private vineyard not open to the general public.





An "Andean Experience" was given by Juan (left) a third-generation gaucho who provided us with colorful insights into a gaucho's life and hosted a barbecue for us on the family ranch he inherited.





Juan's stable of horses are used primarily to carry city-dwellers and tourists on treks into the nearby Andes mountains.



An oven and open-flame pit are used to cook a gaucho lunch while Livio admires an incomparable view of his homeland.











The following day we left Argentina to fly to Brazil to stay at the Belmond Hotel das Cataratas, which faces the awesome Iguazu Falls, one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World.





















The Parque das Aves, set within 16 acres of Brazilian forest close to Iguazu Falls, is the only institution in the world focused on the conservation of Atlantic Rainforest birds.

















