

Ultimate Argentina Raptor Safari*



Combine it with our Raptors & Pumas of Patagonia tour, 9-16 January 2016

Argentina boasts an impressive 63 species of diurnal raptors. On this tour we will target 52 of them including rare, local, and threatened species such as Crowned, and Montane Solitary Eagles, Spot-winged Falconet, and Orange-breasted Falcon.

Tour starts in Buenos Aires, a world-class tourist destination in its own right. From there we will fly to Misiones, in the northeast where the species-richest biome in the country, the Atlantic Forest, is home to Swallow-tailed, Plumbeous, and Rufous-thighed Kites, Black-and-white, Black, and Ornate Hawk-Eagles, Short-tailed and Roadside Hawks, and Barred and Collared Forest Falcons, to mention a few. We will visit the world-famous Iguazú Falls, of course.

Driving across a complex mosaic of wet grasslands, swamps, gallery *paranaense* forests, and humid *chaco* forests of northern

Corrientes and eastern Chaco provinces we will target Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Snail, and White-tailed Kites, Great Black Hawk, Black-collared, Savanna, and White-tailed Hawks, and Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle. Also present here are Yellow-headed, Chimango, and Crested Caracaras, and American Kestrel. This is where we should encounter our first Long-winged Harriers of the tour, and with a little luck Pearl Kite, too. This raptor assemblage closely resembles that of other large wetlands/grasslands in South America such as the Pantanal in central Brazil, or the Llanos of Venezuela.

Further west in the dry chaco forest and recently cleared agricultural land in Chaco, Santiago del Estero, and Salta provinces we should encounter **Bay-winged Hawks**, increasingly commoner **White-tailed Hawks**, and if we are lucky a **Crane Hawk** or two. With all probability we will see several **Aplomado Falcons** here, and maybe even one or two **Peregrines**.



The Orange-breasted
Falcon is one of the rarest
falcons in the world.
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In the wetter foothills of the subtropical Andes of Jujuy province we will target several forest raptors including White-rumped, Rufous-thighed, Bicolored, and with a little bit of luck Broad-winged Hawks. But the ultimate raptor prizes in this biome are Montane Solitary, and Black-and-chestnut Eagles, and Orange-breasted Falcons—of which a resident pair has recently been discovered.

Leaving the humid foothills of the Andes behind we will drive up to the highlands characterized by the cacti-rich *pre-puna* and grassy *puna* in the *Quebrada de Humahuaca*—a UNESCO World Heritage site—and beyond. **Andean Condors**, **Variable** (some would say "Puna") **Hawks**, and **Mountain Caracaras**, **Aplomado Falcons**, and cute **Vicuñas**, Llamas, and **Guanacos** will be our reward for venturing up there.

In the *monte* desert of Mendoza we will target **Crowned Solitary Eagle** and **Spotwinged Falconet**, at confirmed breeding sites. Mendoza is also one of the finest wine regions in Argentina (and the world), so those willing to enjoy some authentic Argentine Malbec will be delighted here.

To wrap it all up, in the dry pampas of northern La Pampa province we will look for the huge (10,000+ birds) flocks of **Swainson's Hawk** that congregate here to prey upon grasshoppers. We should see all imaginable plumages, ages and morphs.

This tour combined with our **Raptors & Pumas of Patagonia** tour will allow you to target 57 species of raptors, plus **Pumas**, in three weeks—an absolute record for any raptor tour we have run so far in South America!



Andean Condor. Adults like this female are jet-black underneath. © D. Podestá

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 16 JANUARY

Arrive at Ministro Pistarini International Airport (IATA code: EZE), Buenos Aires. Transfer to our hotel. **Chimango** and **Crested Caracaras** may be seen on the ride from the airport... but don't unpack your optics yet, we'll see more of them later again, promise!

Eat lunch with fellow hawkwatchers ending the "Raptors & Pumas of Patagonia" tour. Relax at our hotel and maybe take a nap. Then enjoy a raptor slideshow and talk by Sergio Seipke in the evening.

Dinnertime in Argentina is a little late, compared to American and northern European standards. Around 8 PM we will head for what is arguably the best stake house in town, where we'll treat ourselves

with some prime beef and wine for dinner. Overnight in Buenos Aires.

Day 2 | 17 January

Breakfast at the hotel, and then catch our flight to Pto. Iguazú. Check in our hotel. Then visit the falls where we should see **Black** and **Turkey Vultures**, **Swallow-tailed**, and **Plumbeous Kites**. An **Osprey** shows up sometimes as well. Dinner and overnight is in Pto. Iguazú.

Day 3 | 18 January

Super early start (4.30 AM) to target **Collared Forest Falcon**. Then back to hotel for
breakfast, and out again to target soaring
raptors including **Rufous-thighed**, and **Gray-headed Kites**, and with a little luck **Ornate Hawk-Eagle**. Back at the hotel we'll



Juvenile **Plumbeous Kite**. Note long primaries projecting beyond the tail tip.
© S. Seipke



enjoy a late lunch, take a short nap, and visit a raptor rehab center in the afternoon, or try forest falcons again in case we haven't seen them yet. Eat dinner at pizza place & overnight in Pto. Iguazú.

Day 4 | 19 JANUARY

Yes, you guessed right: forest falcon searches, meaning we will start early today, too. We will try to get perched looks and photos of **Plumbeous Kite** and other raptors sunning early in the morning. Breakfast at the hotel, and out to drive around looking for soaring raptors including **King Vulture**, **Short-tailed Hawk**, and **Black-and-white Hawk Eagle**. Lunch at San Sebastián de La Selva, or picnic. Dinner & overnight in Reserva Karadyá or back to Iguazú. (Depending on results of previous days.)

Day 5 20 JANUARY

Early start. Search for **Barred Forest Falcon** in a private reserve or near Iguazú. Then breakfast and checkout. We will target soaring raptors in Urugua-í PP including **Black-and-white, Ornate**, and **Black Hawk-Eagles**. Look for **Rufous-thighed Hawk** in *Araucaria* plantations near Puerto Esperanza after lunch. Drive south to Posadas in the afternoon. Dinner & overnight in Posadas.

Day 6 21 JANUARY

Today we can sleep through 7 AM; probably a welcome change after three days of early starts! After breakfast and checkout, we'll drive through wet grasslands and marshy areas targeting raptors such as Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Long-winged Harrier, White-tailed, and Black-collared Hawk, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, and others. We will visit a Pearl Kite site today—a rare species in Argentina.

From today on we will be in **Crowned Solitary Eagle** country, a species that though rare in northern Argentina could "pop up" virtually anywhere.

In the afternoon we will reach Mburucuyá, in Corrientes province, where we will drop our luggage at our hotel and drive the road to Mburucuyá National Park looking for raptors. After dinner we may drive around a bit to see some mammals including **Crab-eating Fox**, **Capybara**, **Gray Brocket**, and if we are really lucky, even a **Maned Wolf**. Dinner & overnight in Mburucuyá.

Day 7 | 22 January

Breakfast and checkout. Mostly a driving day but with many stops for raptors including Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Snail Kite, Long-winged Harrier, Savanna, Great Black, and White-tailed Hawks, and perhaps Mississippi Kite and Zone-tailed Hawk, and Laughing Falcon. Lunch en route. Dinner and overnight in Aviá Teraí.

Day 8 | 23 JANUARY

Early breakfast and checkout. This is mostly a driving day through dry *chaco* where we should see **Bay-winged** (Harris's) **Hawk**, and several **Aplomado Falcons**. Towards the end of the day we will reach the foothills of the Andes, an area originally covered with *chaco serrano*, a transitional forest to the cloud forest of higher elevations. Dinner and overnight in Santa Bárbara.

Day 9 24 JANUARY

Today we will target one of the gems of this trip: the **Orange-breasted Falcon!** Of course we may see other raptors as well including **Crane** and **Short-tailed Hawks**, and **Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle**. Picnic lunch or lunch at the *posada* depending on weather and results. Dinner and overnight in Santa Bárbara.

Day 10 25 JANUARY

Optional forest falcon search early in the morning. Then breakfast and horseback ride to get to higher areas where **King Vulture**,



Finding Barred Forest Falcons is hard work, but it pays off! © S. Seipke



Ornate Hawk-Eagle is a powerful predator that frequently soars above the forest.
© P. Mosto



Andean Condor, White-rumped Hawk, and Montane Solitary, and Black-and-chestnut Eagles are likely. If we are lucky we might even see an overwintering Broad-winged Hawk or two. Picnic lunch. Checkout in the afternoon and drive to Purmamarca. Dinner and overnight in picturesque Purmamarca.

Day 11 26 JANUARY

After breakfast we will drive the Quebrada de Humahuaca—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and beyond to Abra Pampa. This is one of the most scenic drives in northern Argentina. The Quebrada is a deep valley that runs north to south, and is flanked by multicolored mountains. It used to serve as a major cultural road, the Camino del Inca (Inca Road). The bottom of the valley, on the alluvial plains of Río Grande, is lined with naturally occurring grasslands, prime habitat for Cinereous Harrier (during the southern winter), and Aplomado and Peregrine Falcons (in summer). The upper reaches of the Quebrada are dotted with cardones, ageold cacti typical of pre-puna habitat.

Beyond the Quebrada lays the puna plateau: vast expanses of rolling hills covered with high grassy steppe physiognomy. Here we will find numerous examples of the highly variable... yes, Variable Hawk. Birds up here tend to have rather noticeably broader, rounder wings than their lowland counterparts, a reason why some authorities consider them a different species, the Puna Hawk. We should see Andean Condor, and **Aplomado Falcons**, which are a different subspecies up here, pichinchae, and more richly colored. It is also here in the puna where we expect to see Mountain Caracara, a species found at much lower elevations further south, but mostly restricted to prepuna and puna habitat north of the Tropic of Capricorn.

Lunch in Abra Pampa. Dinner and overnight in Purmamarca.

Day 12 27 JANUARY

Today we will leave fascinating, raptor-rich, profoundly beautiful northwestern Argentina. After breakfast and checkout we will drive to Salta stopping for raptors on the way. There we will eat lunch and catch our flight to Mendoza. After transfer and checking-in at our hotel, we'll go out to taste some highly regarded Malbec Mendocino (wine tasting). Dinner and overnight in Mendoza.

Day 13 28 January

Early breakfast. Then explore the monte, desert shrub where three species of creosotebush (Larrea spp.) dominate the landscape. This is prime habitat for one of our most important target species on this tour: the Crowned Solitary Eagle, of which we will visit an active nest today. We'll spend some time near the nest hoping to see some eagle action, and if we are lucky, perhaps a prey delivery at the nest. Of course we will keep a safe distance in order not to disturb this endangered species. We should also see other raptors including Aplomado Falcon, and of course, another special bird in this tour: the **Spot-winged Falconet**. Picnic lunch. Dinner and overnight in Mendoza.

Day 14 | 29 JANUARY

Another driving day for the most part. Breakfast and checkout. Then spend some more time with **Crowned Solitary Eagle**, then head east to northern La Pampa. Lunch *en route*. Dinner and overnight in private *estancia* in northern La Pampa.

Day 15 | 30 January

Breakfast and checkout, then drive around looking for the huge multi-thousand bird flocks of wintering **Swainson's Hawks**. This is mostly agricultural habitat and an extensive net of dirt roads will serve us well to approach the hawks feeding on



Mountain Caracara is rather tame. We should get good views of it up the puna. © S. Seipke



Spot-winged Falconet is nearly endemic to Argentina. © S. Seipke



grasshoppers. We should see pretty much every plumage variation there is, ranging from the lightest of all the almost pure-white juveniles to the darkest jet-black adults, and everything in between. We will practice our aging and sexing ID skills. Unlike at migration hawk-watches in North and Central America, we should see many hawks

up close here. Picnic lunch. Then drive to Trenque Lauquen. Dinner and overnight in Trenque Lauquen.

Day 16 31 JANUARY

Drive to Buenos Aires, and catch evening flights home.



SUGGESTED FIELD GUIDES

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Tour Guides



TOUR LEADER

Sergio Seipke

Tour leader and raptor expert guide is Sergio Seipke.

Sergio has observed and photographed raptors for the past 20 years. He was born in Argentina, and enjoys helping others to search for and identify raptors. Sergio started running raptor tours in 2006 and is currently working on a *Field Guide to*

the Raptors of South America to be published by Princeton University Press.

Sergio is the owner of Raptours, L.L.C. and carries on Bill Clark's legacy of raptor touring.

Sergio speaks **English**, **Spanish** and **Portuguese**.

We will benefit from the guidance of several local experts as well.

TARGET SPECIES

- Turkey Vulture
 Cathartes aura
- 2. **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus*
- 3. **Black Vulture** Coragyps atratus
- 4. King Vulture
 Sarcoramphus papa
- 5. Andean Condor

 Vultur gryphus
- 6. **Osprey**Pandion haliaetus
- 7. White-tailed Kite Elanus leucurus
- 8. **Pearl Kite**Gampsonyx swainsonii
- 9. **Gray-headed Kite** Leptodon cayanensis
- 10. **Hook-billed Kite** *Chondrohierax uncinatus*
- 11. Swallow-tailed Kite
- Elanoides forficatus
 12. Black Hawk-Eagle
- Spizaetus tyrannus

 13. Black-and-white Hawk Eagle
- Spizaetus melanoleucus

 14. **Ornate Hawk-Eagle**Spizaetus ornatus
- 15. Black-and-chestnut Eagle Spizaetus isidori
- 16. **Rufous-thighed Kite** *Harpagus diodon*
- 17. **Tiny Hawk** *Accipiter superciliosus*
- 18. **Rufous-thighed Hawk** *Accipiter erythronemius*
- 19. **Bicolored Hawk** *Accipiter bicolor*
- 20. **Long-winged Harrier** *Circus buffoni*
- 21. **Mississippi Kite** *Ictinia mississippiensis*

- 22. **Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea*
- 23. **Black-collared Hawk** *Busarellus nigricollis*
- 24. **Snail Kite**Rostrhamus sociabilis
- 25. Crane Hawk
- Geranospiza caerulescens
- 26. **Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis*
- 27. **Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga*
- 28. Montane Solitary Eagle Buteogallus solitarius
- 29. **Crowned Solitary Eagle** *Buteogallus coronatus*
- 30. **Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*
- 31. **Bay-winged Hawk** *Parabuteo unicinctus*
- 32. White-rumped Hawk Parabuteo leucorrhous
- 33. **White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*
- 34. **Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma*
- 35. Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle
 Geranoaetus melanoleucus
- 36. **Broad-winged Hawk**Buteo platypterus
- 37. **Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus*
- 38. Swainson's Hawk

 Buteo swainsonii
- 39. Zone-tailed Hawk
- Buteo albonotatus

 40 Mountain Caracara
- Phalcoboenus megalopterus
 41. Southern Crested Caracara
- Caracara plancus
 42. **Yellow-headed Caracara**Milvago chimachima

- Milvago chimango 44. **Laughing Falcon**
- 44. Laughing Falcon
 Herpetotheres cachinnans
- 45. Barred Forest Falcon Micrastur ruficollis

43. Chimango Caracara

- 46. **Collared Forest Falcon** *Micrastur semitorquatus*
- 47. **Spot-winged Falconet**Spiziapteryx circumcincta
- 48. American Kestrel
 Falco sparverius
- 49. **Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis*
- 50. **Bat Falcon**Falco rufiaularis
- 51. **Orange-breasted Falcon** *Falco deiroleucus*
- 52. **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*

MAMMALS

- 1. **Jaguarundi** (rare) *Puma yaqouaroundi*
- 2. **Maned Wolf** (rare) *Chrysocyon brachyurus*
- 3. Crab-eating Fox
 Cerdocyon thous
- 4. South American Coati
 Nasua nasua
- 5. **Azara's Agouti**Dasyprocta agouti
- 6. **Brocket Deer**Mazama spp.
- 7. Vicuma
- Vicugna vicugna 8. **Guanaco**
- Lama guanicoe
- 9. **Llama** Lama glama
- 10. **Capybara** *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*



Tour Details

GROUP SIZE LIMIT

A minimum of **3 participants** is necessary to run the tour. If by 1 November the minimum number of participants has not been reached, the tour will be cancelled.

No reservation fee applies at the time of booking, but full payment is due by **1 November**.

TOUR PRICE

Tour price is **\$6,420** per person, and **includes** hotels (double occupancy), two domestic flights, all meals, soft drinks, entry fees, ground transportation, and guide fees.

International flights to and from Buenos Aires, extra nights in Buenos Aires, entry reciprocity fee, alcoholic beverages, items of personal nature, tips, and insurance of any kind are **not included**.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Single supplement is \$630.

Single rooms will be subject to availability.

Roommates will be assigned to those participants willing to share a room. If a roommate is not available, you will be required to **pay the single supplement**.

COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A valid passport is required to enter Argentina. Argentine law stipulates that **prior to arrival in Argentina** at any entry point Australian, Canadian or U.S. citizen tourist and business travelers must pay a reciprocity fee by credit card online **here**.

Online instructions in English on how to pay the fee are available **here**.

Once the payment is made you must print out the receipt and present it to the Argentine immigration officer at the time of entry. This fee is valid for **10 years**. Make multiple copies of your receipt, and bring one every time you re-visit Argentina.

DIFFICULTY

The level of difficulty of this trip is **easy**: there are no strenuous walks or hikes.

Two domestic flights, and several long drives are involved.

COMFORT

Highest elevation will be c. 12,000 ft / 3,650 m above sea level, but we'll overnight below 7,700 ft / 2,350 m.

Accommodations range from **good** to **very good**. Several hotels have swimming pools. We will drive in a comfortable van or on 4WDs depending on location and terrain conditions.

Guide-to-passenger ratio will be 1:8 or better.

WEATHER & CLOTHING

January is summer in Argentina and it can get very hot, with temperatures ranging from upper 60s °F / 20 °C to lower 100s °F / 40 °C. Expect a little chill in the evenings, especially in the *Quebrada de Humahuaca*. Occasional showers can occur in northern Misiones and rain is to be expected in the northwest. It will be hot and dry in Mendoza.

Make sure you pack your raincoat or folding umbrella, and a light jacket. Hat, sunglasses, flipflops, and swimming suit will be of use as well. Sunscreen and insect repellent (DEET) are essential. Skin moisture may come in handy.

HEALTH

This trip visits sub-tropical areas in Argentina including Misiones, Corrientes, Jujuy and Salta provinces. The Center for Disease Control recommends vaccination against yellow fever for those visiting some of these provinces.

The CDC's estimate of relative risk of **malaria** for U.S. travelers to northern Argentina is very low. It does, however recommend **chemoprophylaxis**.

For detailed information on health recommendations to visit Argentina, see CDC's website 6 weeks before departure.

Travel medical insurance is **strongly recommended.**

LOCAL CURRENCY

Local currency in Argentina is **Argentine peso** and exchange rate is **nearly 8.6 Argentine pesos for U.S. dollar**.

Major credit and debit cards will be accepted throughout the tour.

It is recommended to **start the tour with pesos cash** for expenses such as meals, souvenirs, drinks or phone calls.

NEED TO KNOW

TOUR DATES & AVAILABILITY

16-31 January 2016

BOOKING CLOSES ON

1 November 2015

GROUP SIZE LIMIT

10 participants (minimum: 3)

TOUR PRICE

\$6,420 per person

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$630

RAPTOR SPECIES EXPECTED

40

COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Varies according to nationality

DIFFICULTY

Easy

COMFORT

Good to Very Good

WEATHER & CLOTHING

Hot! Some chilly evenings | Bring a hat, sunglasses, raincoat or folding umbrella, a light jacket, and a swimming suit!

HEALTH

Yellow fever and malaria present although rare

LOCAL CURRENCY

Argentine peso



Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk

I understand that the tour to which I am a party demands that I be in good health and physical condition. I acknowledge the risk and hazards of travel in remote areas where injury, delay or unanticipated events may occur. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. I may be subjecting myself to dangers and hazards which could result in illness, injury, or death. I recognize that such risks, dangers, and hazards may be present at any time during the trip. I also realize that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time in which I am participating in the tour. I realize that I will be traveling in remote areas with poor or no access to emergency and/or medical services. I understand that there is a risk that accidents or illness can occur in remote places where medical facilities, emergency treatment or other services cannot be rendered. I understand that there is a risk involved in the consumption of food or drink.

The undersigned, being of lawful age, in consideration, and as part payment for the right to participate in the trip/tour, and associated activities, services, and food arranged for me by Raptours, L.L.C., and its agents, employees, affiliates or associates, I have and do hereby fully assume all risk of illness, injury or death, and hereby release, hold harmless, and discharge Raptours, L.L.C. and its agents, employees, affiliates or associates from all actions, claims, demands, or lawsuits for any accident, injury, property damage or personal loss to me or to those traveling with me in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other travel service, resulting from, related to, or arising in any manner out of my participation in the tour, as well as from any act of terrorism, defect in vehicle, break down in equipment, strike, theft, delay, or cancellation of or changes in itinerary or schedule, whether foreseen or unforeseen.

The undersigned understands that Raptours, L.L.C., its owners, operators, or agents have booked transportation, made reservations for lodging, made land arrangements for local transportation and is conducting the above prearranged tour; that the undersigned assumes the risk that the owners, operators and agents of the transport companies, hotels, and resorts may cancel or change the times, types or method of transportation or accommodations; that the undersigned understands that Raptours, L.L.C., its owners, operators or agents does not have control or responsibility for any such cancellations or changes in times, types, or methods of transportation or accommodations; that the undersigned may incur additional charges and expenses because of the cancellations and changes to the times, type or method of transportation or accommodations; and the undersigned hereby releases and discharges Raptours, L.L.C., its owners, operators or agents from any additional charges or expenses incurred by the undersigned. The undersigned agrees to promptly pay the additional charges and expenses because the owners, operators and agents of the transport companies, hotels, and resorts have cancelled or changed the times, type or method of transportation or accommodations.

I agree that I will not sue Raptours, L.L.C. and its agents, employees, affiliates or associates for damages incurred as a consequence of my participation in tour caused by the negligence or other acts of Raptours, L.L.C. and its agents, employees, affiliates or associates or any employee, agent or contractor thereof. Should Raptours, L.L.C. or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.

I agree that if I suffer injury or illness, Raptours, L.L.C. and its agents, employees, affiliates, or associates can, at my cost, arrange medical treatment and emergency evacuation service, as Raptours, L.L.C. and its agents, employees, affiliates or associates deem necessary for my safety.

I agree that the foregoing obligation, release and assumption of risk shall be binding upon me personally, as well as upon my spouse, heirs, executors, assigns, and administrators, and for all members of my family, including any minor accompanying me. I have carefully read this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk and fully understand its contents, terms, and conditions. I am aware that this is a release of liability and contract between me and Raptours, L.L.C. and/or its affiliated organizations or representatives, and I sign it of my own free will.

I state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this affirmation and Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk; that I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital; and that I have signed this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk as my own free act.



You will be required to sign this form upon meeting with your tour leader at the tour starting point. Please read carefully before booking.

TOUR TERMS

Raptours, L.L.C. reserves the right to alter this itinerary as necessary, or to cancel the tour prior to departure, with full refund to participants.

Raptours, L.L.C. or its agents may decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour at any time.

No smoking will be permitted while with the group, either when indoors or in the field.

Travel medical insurance is strongly recommended.

All passengers will be required to sign a hard copy of the Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk form (at left) upon meeting with the tour leader in Buenos Aires.

No participants will be allowed in the group without a signed copy of the **Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk** form.

