

Tango is the ticket in Buenos Aires

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Romance, passion, history - it all comes together in Argentina's signature dance, the tango. Now, guests at Hilton Buenos Aires can make their own dance magic with the hotel's Totally Tango experience.

LARGE LOBBY - The Hilton Buenos Aires features an expansive lobby with a soaring glass ceiling. CNS Photo. From an intimate lesson with one of Argentina's top dance instructors to an evening at Buenos Aires' world-renowned Esquina Carlos Gardel, guests are immersed in the sensual world of the tango. Starting at \$245 per night, the Totally Tango package is available through Dec. 31 and includes:

- Deluxe accommodations.
- Daily buffet breakfast for two at Hilton Buenos Aires' El Faro Restaurant.
- One tango lesson for two at the International Academy of Dance and Arts, taught by award-winning dancer Carlos Copello.
- Two tickets to a dinner show at Esquina Carlos Gardel (Carlos Gardel Corner), including transportation.
- Instrumental tango classics CD.
- Two tickets to World Tango Museum tracing the history of tango and its most famous musicians.

And for an additional \$600 per night, guests can enjoy this experience in the hotel's newly renovated corner suites. Located on floors four through seven, the suites boast two rooms, two plasma TVs, home theater, DVD player, large dressing area, separate work area with fax and computer connections, high-speed Internet, panoramic views of the city and complimentary access to the Executive Floor lounge.

FYI: For reservations or more information, call the hotel directly at 54-11-48910000 or e-mail Reservations.BuenosAires@hilton.com.

ARIZONA SKIES

Scottsdale's vast open skies offer plenty of stargazing opportunities for travelers looking to get lost in the cosmos.

The Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North offers telescopes in their suites and constellation charts in their casitas as the turn-down amenity. The resort also offers Sky Jewels, a local stargazing program that holds one- and two-hour-long astronomy tours that change as often as the night sky. Depending on the time of year, guests can locate Jupiter, Saturn, the Orion Nebula, Mars and other stellar sights. Astronomer Richard Allen hosts all sessions using state-of-the-art telescopes, star charts and tells stories about the heavens above. The sessions are complimentary to resort guests.

Travelers not staying at The Four Seasons can take the night sky by storm with Desert Storm Hummer Tours. The stargazing tour starts with a sunset ride into the Four Peaks Mountains and as night falls, the Hummer ventures to 4,000 feet above sea level and far from city lights. Using the latest field technology, expert guides walk guests through the universe seeing the planets, moon and other fantastic star systems. The tour continues with a rock climb in the Hummer with military night-vision goggles allowing guests to see incredible Sonoran Desert wildlife in complete darkness.

FYI: For more information on The Four Seasons, visit www.fourseasons.com/scottsdale or call 480-515-5700. For more information on Hummer tours, visit www.dshummer.com or call 480-922-0020.

SIGHTSEEING IN SHANGHAI

Ritz Tours is selling a value-oriented Shanghai in a Week winter special priced from \$1,099 plus taxes per person, based on double occupancy, including airfare, hotel accommodations and sightseeing.

A cosmopolitan port city located on the East China Sea, Shanghai is a treat to the senses with its mix of ancient and modern influences. Travelers can appreciate the dramatic landscape of China's largest city plus shopping on bustling Nanjing Road, picturesque Yu Garden and the waterfront Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. The itinerary also features a tour to the "Garden City" of Suzhou, well-known for its network of canals and rich silk fabrics.

Guests can enjoy two free days of leisure to explore the city at their own pace, souvenir shop, savor local cuisine and absorb Shanghai's enticing and dynamic culture.

Priced from \$1,099 plus taxes per person, based on double occupancy, the Shanghai in a Week winter special features round-trip airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco (starting at \$1,249 plus taxes per person from JFK in New York); five-star hotel accommodations at the Jinjiang Hotel for five nights; daily breakfast at the hotel; sightseeing in air-conditioned buses; meals and entertainment per the itinerary; and the services of knowledgeable tour guides. Weekend surcharges apply. Travel insurance is not included in this package but it can be purchased separately.

Add-on airfares are available for departures from various cities in the U.S., starting from \$150 per person, depending on gateway.

FYI: Departures of the Shanghai in a Week program are available daily from Nov. 1 through Feb. 10. For more information, call Ritz Tours at 800-900-2446, e-mail china@ritztours.com, or visit www.ritztours.com.

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