San Telmo

San Telmo is the oldest neighborhood of whole Buenos Aires. This ‘barrio’ is really attractive because of the colonial buildings, cafes, restaurants, small cobbled streets and antique shops. It is a unique and charming neighborhood. It’s also the place where the first houses were built and later they became the houses of European immigrants. As a tourist you really need to take a walk around and enjoy the history of Buenos Aires. If you want to properly enjoy San Telmo you have to go on a Sunday. Every Sunday there is a huge antique, street market in Calle Defensa and than it is the funniest place in town.

During your walk around San Telmo you will find different characters in the streets. These monuments are a part of the ‘Paseo de la Historieta’. These are the characters of the main comics in history of Argentina.

Close to San Telmo you can find Puerto Madero. This neighborhood is located right next to the Río de la Plata. Here you can discover the latest trends in architecture of the city. The buildings here are in huge contrast with the buildings of San Telmo. You will find here the high office buildings and not the small houses.

9.00 You can start the day visiting Puerto Madero. It is located at a 15-minute walk from Via Via Hostel.

9.15 You can walk and discover and enjoy the buildings. Here you can also find a famous bridge ‘Puente de la Mujer’. This bridge is only for pedestrians but the most amazing part is the asymmetrical aspect of this bridge. Another tourist attraction is el Museo Fragata Sarmiento. This is an old ship that is declared as a National Historic Monument.

10.30 From the museum it is a 40-minute walk to Reserva Ecológica.

11.10 You can walk around the Reserva and enjoy the fauna and flora.

12.30 Lunch is possible in Puerto Madero. Next to the water are multiple possibilities to eat something.

14.30 After Puerto Madero you can go to San Telmo. The first thing to visit is El Viejo Almacén (Balcarce). This is situated at 20 minutes walk from Puente de la Mujer.

15.00 The next stop is Pasaje San Lorenzo. This street is known because of the old buildings and ‘Los Patios de San Telmo’. This is a typical house of the 18th century with art galleries. You can also find ‘Casa Minima’ in this street. This is the smallest house of the city.
15.30 Another famous street is Defensa. On Sunday you can find here the big market, but on other days it is also worth a visit. At Defensa 962 you can find ‘Mercado de San Telmo’. Here you can buy antiques, fruit, vegetables,...

16.15 If you walk a little bit further from Mercado de San Telmo you will find Plaza Dorrego. On Sunday you will also find vendors here for the market. On other days, the place will be filled with tables from the restaurants and cafes around this plaza.

17.00 Around 500 meters from Plaza Dorrego you can find ‘Parque Lezama’. This is one of the oldest parks of the city. Before, it was a private, luxurious park, but now it is public. Parque Lezama’s hilly walkways and embankments and many sculptures offer a treat for sunbathers and amblers. You can also find the Russian Orthodox Church here.

18.00 The last visit is Iglesia Dinamarquesa. It is around a 10-minute walk from Parque Lezama. This church was build by Danish immigrants in Buenos Aires. The style is neo-gothic and the stairs are an allegory of Jacob’s dream.

19.00 In Calle Defensa are multiple good meat restaurants for example El Desnivel. In Chile-Perú there is another good restaurant: Gran Parilla del Plata.

Price: Museo Fragata: 10 pesos