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WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Eighth Ordinary Session
Buenos-Aires (Argentina), 29 October-2 November 1984

INFORMATION NOTE

1. Place of the meeting

The eighth session of the World Heritage Committee will be held at :

Centro Cultural General San Martin
Sarmiento 1551
Buenos-Aires (Argentina)

Participants should enter the building through the reception hall entrance Sarmiento 1551.

2. Travel arrangements

Air travel to and from Buenos Aires by major airlines can be arranged at most travel agencies. An arrangement has been made between the Unesco Secretariat and Aerolineas Argentinas to provide special fares for flights Buenos Aires/Paris. In order to benefit from this arrangement, participants are requested to make their bookings at Wagons-Lits, Unesco Agency (Fontenoy building) 7 Place de Fontenoy, Paris, by contacting Mr. Lemoine (tel. 568.03.81) and mentioning the 8th session of the World Heritage Committee.

3. Passports and visas

All participants will require an Argentine visa which is obtainable from the Argentine Consulate of their country. Travel agents or airline companies can also provide details on visa requirements. If additional information is required, please contact the Argentine Permanent Delegation to Unesco (1 rue Miollis, 75700 Paris, telephone : 568.34.36/37).

4. Accommodation

The following hotels are suggested, single rates, all within walking distance to the Centro Cultural:

- Libertador	US\$ 90	per day (inc. breakfast)
- Plaza Hotel	US\$ 77	"
- Bisonte	US\$ 43	"
- Baüen	US\$ 43	"
- De las Américas	US\$ 30	"
- Presidente	US\$ 25	"
- Bristol	US\$ 24	"

Please note that the prices may increase by the time of the World Heritage meeting. It is suggested that participants make reservations directly through Mr. Eduardo GUTIERREZ, UNDP Resident Representative, Maipù 1252, piso 10°, Buenos Aires, Telex 9170 UNDP-AR, indicating the dates of arrival/departure and mentioning the 8th session of the World Heritage Committee.

Participants are also advised to inform Mr. Gutierrez of their arrival date and flight number in order to ensure reception at Buenos Aires airport.

5. Registration

Registration of participants will begin at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 29 October at the Centro San Martin, Room A-B.

6. Opening session

The opening session will begin at 11.30 a.m. on Monday 29 October, in the main meeting room (Room A). Thereafter it is proposed that the sessions begin at 9.00 a.m. in Room C, with a lunch break from 12.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

7. Languages

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in French and English during the meeting. Working documents will be made available in both languages.

8. Secretariat

The Unesco Secretariat will be responsible for the preparation and distribution of all documents for the meeting.

9. Mail

Participants should have their mail sent to them at their hotels or Embassies in Buenos Aires.

10. Lunch

There are number of restaurants and cafes located in the area which are open at lunchtime, all with reasonable prices.

11. Post Office

Post Office facilities will be made available at the Center as a special service. Participants are also advised to make use of the postal services offered by hotels.

12. Information, messages

A receptionist will be on duty outside the meeting room during the period of the meeting to provide information about meeting arrangements and to assist with messages.

13. Local transportation

Taxis, yellow tops, may be ordered by telephone, or hailed in the street. The driver should be directed to the Centro San Martin entrance Sarmiento 1551. Hotels can advise on suitable buses or other city transport facilities.

14. Tipping

A 10 % tip is normal in bars and restaurants. Hotel porters also expect to be tipped. No tipping is necessary for taxis except if a special service is requested.

15. Banks

There are a number of banks in the city banking area. Hours are from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

16. Shopping

Shopping hours are from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. on weekdays, and 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 on Saturdays.

17. Post meeting excursions

A. Jesuit Missions and Iguazu National Park

The authorities of the host government intend to organise a visit to the Jesuit Missions and the Iguazu National Park located more than 1,000 km to the north-east of Buenos Aires. The tour will start on Saturday 3 November and will end on Monday 5th November. Local transport will be by bus and by foot. Accommodation will be in comfortable basic hotel buildings.

More information on this excursion will be provided at the time of the meeting.

B. Bariloche Lake District and Los Alerces

The Secretaría de Turismo de la Nación is organising special visits to the southern areas of Argentina, notably the Bariloche Lake District, located in the Andes mountains, 1750 km south-west of Buenos Aires. All costs should be borne by the participants. Further information can be obtained at the moment of registration on Monday 29 October, when personnel of the Secretaría de Turismo will be present.

18. Clothing

The climate in Buenos Aires in early November is agreeably warm (about 25° C).

For the excursion to the Jesuit missions and Iguazu, it is advisable to have informal summer clothing with a hat, sun protection and comfortable, closed non-slippery walking shoes. Temperatures are between 30° and 35°C and humidity is high.

For the excursion to the Bariloche Lake District, it is advisable to bring warmer clothing including a raincoat, and comfortable walking shoes.

19. Meeting of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee

As indicated in the report of the 8th session of the World Heritage Bureau, the outgoing Bureau shall meet prior to the Committee session proper to examine the criteria concerning historic cities and to make recommendations on nominations Nos. 300 (Historic Area of the City of Quebec, Canada) and 309 (Historic Centre of the City of Salvador, Brazil). The meeting will take place at 8.30 a.m. in Room C of the Centro Cultural General San Martin. Invitations and further information has been sent by the Secretariat to the members of the outgoing Bureau.