

Roach Ag Study Trip to Brazil & Argentina 2026

Jan. 10th to Jan. 24th





- **Leg A – Brazil**
- **Day 1 – Saturday – January 10th**
Overnight flight EUA/São Paulo



- **Day 2 – Sunday – January 11th**

- Arrive São Paulo
- Customs /Immigration
- Connecting flight to Curitiba
- Arrive Curitiba airport
- Curitiba is the Capital of Parana State, located in the South East region of Brazil. Its 1,8 million inhabitants have 16 parks, 14 forests and more than 1000 green public spaces as their immediate neighbours. As a whole, the green urban areas in Curitiba are among the largest in the world and every inhabitant of the city has approximately 52 m² of nature to romp about in. Brazil's green capital makes a tremendous effort to preserve the city's natural environment and is regarded by many as one of the world's best examples of green urban planning.
- Meet NPK
- City tour (if time allows)
- Welcome dinner
- Overnight in Curitiba





- **Day 3 – Monday – January 12th**
- Drive to train station
- Departure Scenic Train through the rainforest down the seamountains

One of the oldest railways in Brazil, today also operated by Serra Verde Express, which offers the tourist a highly enjoyable experience, inspiring respect for the environment and historic heritage. The trails go down the sea mountains in a daring, impressive and unique engineering masterpiece through 14 tunnels, 30 bridges and many big viaducts.

- Lunch
- Boat ride along Paranaguá Bay
- Visit Port Administration

The main grain export corridor in Brazil and the largest in Latin America. It exports containers, frozen goods, cars, wood, salt, sugar and paper among others. The main clients are United States, China, Japan, and European Community

- Drive to Curitiba
- Dinner
- Overnight in Curitiba



Day 4 – Tuesday – January 13th

Drive to Curitiba Municipal Market

Visit Municipal Market

The Curitiba Municipal Market is for sure a wonderful show of the region production (grains, fruits, vegetables, fish, flowers, organic, besides seasoning and flavoring from Brazil and other countries)

Presentation on Organic Products and Curitiba Green Production (if available)



Drive to OCEPAR (Paraná State Cooperative System)

Welcome

OCEPAR Institutional Presentation

Paraná State Cooperatives System which represents more than 230 affiliated cooperatives and congregates more than five hundred thousand members. It is made up of farmers, credit, educational, infrastructure, labor, transport, leisure and tourism, mineral, transport, housing and health cooperatives. The system represents more than 50% of the state rural GDP.



- Drive to Ponta Grossa
- Farm visit on the way (Grains, cattle)
- Large grain operation with a total of 1.540 ha,(3.850 acres). Corn area 650ha (1.625 acres), soy 650 ha (1.650 acres), drybean 240 ha (600 acres), wheat 650 ha (1.625 acres), black oat as cover crop 890 ha (2.225 acres) and pastures 25ha (62 acres). Beef cattle herd of 180 heads of Aberdeen Angus, only bulls and breeds. Storage facilities on the farm.
- Check in Hotel in Ponta Grossa
- Happy Hour
- Dinner
- Overnight in Ponta Grossa





- **Day 5 – Wednesday – January 14th**
- Drive to Castro
- Visit ABC Foundation

ABC Foundation – Technical Research Institution that belongs to three Dutch origin cooperatives. It generates information for the coops members in different areas: Precision Agriculture, Ag. Mechanization, Plant Pathology, Forage Crops, Agrometeorological Monitoring System, Soil Fertility, Crop Protection, Weeds, Entomology, Crop Science

- Welcome
- ABC Foundation Institutional Presentation
- Castrolanda Co-op Institutional Presentation

Dutch origin Cooperative founded in 1951. Today around 1300 members and example of cooperativism and high agricultural yields. Agriculture – 100% no till and # 1 in Brazil in Milk production. Also updated pig farmers. Annual income US\$ 1,2 billion





- Farm visit (grains)

Dutch origin family. Large operation in four different farms with a total of 760 ha of grains (Summer, soy, corn and drybean, Winter, wheat, ryegrass and oats). Average – corn – 11.500kg/ha, soy – 3.800kg/ha. Mushroom production in one of the farms mainly for compost production. Pig farming – farrow-to-finish with 850 sows with an average of 25 piglets/sow/year, and a biodigester to supply the power needs of the operation. 100 employees altogether.

- Visit Dutch Immigration Memorial

Windmill as high as a 10-story building that was built to celebrate the Castrolanda Colony and Cooperative Golden Jubilee in 2001

- Farm Visit (dairy)

Dutch origin family. Around 500 ha (1200 acres) of agriculture. Dairy with a double 16 milk parlour, TMR and corn silage, brewery barley residue, wet corn, soy meal, hay silage and minerals, heard of 1900 heads, 980 in lactation, average production of 10.299 kg milk/lactation, 3.45% fat, 3.15% protein.

Day 6 – Thursday – January 15th

Drive to Entre Rios

Visit Agrária Cooperative

Agrária Cooperative is a German origin cooperative. It has approximately 500 members, farming about 260,000 acres, with an annual production of \$900 million. They produce corn, soybeans, wheat, oats, and barley. They are the largest malt supplier for Brazilian breweries, they have a wheat milling plant, and they have a large soybean crushing plant and a brand-new Malt Processing Plant.

The Agrária Cooperative was founded by German-speakers who previously lived in the former Kingdom of Hungary and who immigrated to Brazil after WWII. In 2011, to celebrate the cooperatives Golden Jubilee, the Suabian Museum was opened to tell their story. You will have an opportunity to visit the museum.

You will also visit the Agrária Foundation of Agricultural Research. FAPA was founded in 1994 to systematize rural research. Today, because of the quality of its many researchers that work for the institution, FAPA provides reference information that is used on both a state and national basis. The Research Plots cover 550 acres for research on corn, wheat, barley and oats. (if available)

Happy Hour and dinner will be at a local Brewery operated by a German couple. Donau Bier Brewery was started in 2004; the homemade beer produced there follows the *Reinheitsgebot* German Quality Law for making beer which dates from 1516: it states that a beer is pure only when the ingredients are water, malt and hop. Following the brewery visit you will enjoy beer tasting and typical German food.



- **Day 7 – Friday – January 16th**
- Drive to Cascavel
Visit Dry Port CODAPAR

The CODAPAR Cascavel Dry Port is a public customs terminal located in the city of Cascavel, which has been managed by CODAPAR - Paraná Agricultural Development Company, a company linked to the Paraná State Department of Agriculture and Supply (SEAB), as a Federal Revenue Licensee, since November 1999. Given its strategic location, this terminal is an extremely important instrument for customs clearance of products imported and/or exported from Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Chile. It also enables imports and exports of industries and agro-industries in the region, via the Port of Paranaguá and Afonso Pena International Airport.

- Visit Chicken and/or pork slaughterhouse
- Drive to Iguassu Falls
- Overnight in Iguassu Falls





- **Day 8 – Saturday – January 17th**
- Visit Iguazu National Park

Brazil's first national park and today one of the most visited places sights in the country. The visitor's center is the opening gate to an unforgettable adventure in a preserved area ending at the falls, which are four times the width of Niagara and formed by 275 interlinked cataracts up to 75 m (246 feet) over a 3km (1,8 mile) wide precipice. Today elected as one of the world's seven modern wonders.

- Macuco Safari Ride

A trail in the woods on a carriage pulled by an electric powered vehicle and a walk followed by a boat ride by the Iguazú River all the way to the Falls.

After a fascinating tour, there is nothing like enjoying the best regional and international cuisine in a sophisticated atmosphere and comfort.

The Porto Canoas Restaurant features a buffet service with a variety of salads, hot dishes, desserts and best drinks, not to mention the unique view from the top of the Iguassu Falls.





- Visit Itaipu Dam

It is the largest in the world and a binational joint venture on the Parana River, between Brazil and Paraguay. The installed capacity of the power plant was 12,000,000 kilowatts (kW). Nowadays it contains 20 generators with a 700,000 kW capacity each. Its installed capacity is 14,000,000 kW. The power plant is responsible for 90% of the energy consumed in Paraguay and 22% of that consumed in Brazil

- Dinner Show

This is a beautiful restaurant with an inviting and varied menu of salads, hot and cold items, meats and desserts. The big attraction in the restaurant is the multicultural show that demonstrates the culture of many Latin America cities through music and folkloric dances with rhythms that go from samba to tango. Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia, Peru and Brazil are some of the nationalities represented in this dinner-show. The dancers beautiful performances represent their nations cultures faithfully. The dinner will be delicious and the show fascinating!





- **Day 09 – Sunday – January 18th**
- Early hotel check out
- Drive to Porto Iguazu Airport (Argentina)
(60km = 36miles = 2h)
- Check-in connecting flight to Rosário
(Customs/Immigration)
- **Leg B – ARGENTINA**
- AR 1775 – IGR/AEP – 10:15/12:15
- AR 1714 – AEP/ROS – 15:40/16:40
- Flight to Rosário with connection in Buenos Aires
- Welcome to Rosario .
- Overnight in Rosario.



- **Day 10 – Monday – January 19th**
- Visit the Rosario Board of Trade
- The Rosario Board of Trade is a non-profit making association based in Rosario, in the Province of Santa Fé, Argentina. Founded on August 18, 1884, it serves as a forum for the conduct of trade negotiations in several markets including grain, oilseed, agricultural products and their by-products, as well as securities and other assets.
- Farm Visit (grains)
In the afternoon visit to an agricultural farm located in the heart of the main productive region of the country to meet the farmer, talk and learn about his production.

Overnight in Rosario.



- **Day 11 – Tuesday – January 20th**

Visit to a big and modern grain terminal for exportation of ACA.

The region around Rosario contains the world's largest concentrations oil seed crushing plant; and its ports handle more than 50% of the Argentine export of soybean and its derivatives.

Drive to Las Pareja to visit a company that produces agricultural implements

Las Parejas, a city in the Santa Fe province of Argentina, is a nerve center for the manufacturing of agricultural machinery and implements. This productive hub stands out for its dynamism, innovation, and the high concentration of companies dedicated to this vital sector for the Argentine economy.

- **Day 12 – Wednesday – January 21st**

Visit Farmer's Cooperative

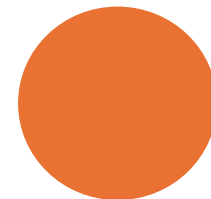
Agricultural cooperatives have been a historically crucial pillar in Argentina's agricultural development. Their key role allowed small and medium-sized farmers to access markets, supplies, and technology, reducing risks and strengthening their bargaining power. Beyond adding value by processing produce at the source, they boosted economic and social development in rural areas, keeping families on their land and fostering innovation. This collaborative model not only democratized the agrarian economy but also positioned Argentina as a major player in global food production and export.

Visit Cooperative's member farmer.

Drive to Buenos Aires with a winery stop on the way

Bodega Gamboa is one of the few vineyards located outside the main wine-growing regions, for a tasting and early soft dinner. Argentina stands as one of the world's leading wine producers, recognized for its quality and the uniqueness of its terroirs. Argentine viticulture boasts a rich history and has firmly established itself as a fundamental player in the global market.

Overnight in Buenos Aires





- **Day 13 – Thursday – January 22nd**

Early morning visit to Mercado
Agroganadero de Cañuelas

The Mercado Agroganadero de Cañuelas (MAG) is Argentina's main and most modern cattle trading center. It's located in Cañuelas, Buenos Aires Province. It opened in May 2022, replacing the historic Liniers Market, which had operated for over 120 years in Buenos Aires City.

Then visit a cattle farm with a typical
“Asado Argentino” as lunch on the
farm.

Overnight in Buenos Aires.



- **Day 14 – Friday – January 23rd**
- Morning guided city tour in Buenos Aires;
- *Buenos Aires is the capital of Argentina and is where most cultural, political and economic activities take place. It is a charming city with a strong influence from the most important cities of Europe. Beautiful walks, avenues and parks, monumental buildings, typical restaurant, pavement cafes, churches and museums in 46 different regions – each with its own personality. The north offers an elegant resemblance of Paris, with the May Avenue housing the most unforgettable coffee houses. In the shady streets of Belgrano one can taste the charm of the distinguished London suburbs and Naples seems to be present in the bustling and coloured La Boca Quarter. Perhaps take a walk around Palermo Park with its lagoon, gold fields, tennis courts and rose gardens.*
- Lunch: typical argentine Asado in Puerto Madero
- Free resting/shopping afternoon
- Tango Show dinner in one of the most important tango theaters in the world.





- **Day 15 – Saturday – January 24th**

Early flight Buenos Aires / Miami and connections



Roach Ag Group Study Tour to Brazil 2026.

Tour Summary:

Jan. 10th to Jan. 25th

16-day tour

7 evenings in Brazil

6 evenings in Argentina

2 days for the flights

1 day connection Brazil/Argentina

All organization and escorting, executive coach bus for the period, treats and water on the bus, 4* hotels in double accommodation, additional for single, all meals with water, pops and desserts, local beer/draft beer and/or wine for dinners, 2 glasses/person, admission to all technical visits as scheduled, tickets for attractions, guided city tour in Curitiba and Buenos Aires, Attractions (train ride down the sea mountains, boat ride along Paranaguá Port, Dutch Immigration Memorial, Suabian Museum, Donau Bier Brewery with degustation, Iguassu National Park, Macuco Safari Ride, Itaipu Dam, Rafain Dinner Show, Winery with degustation, Tango Dinner Show. Language support (Port/English and Spanish/English). Tips (restaurants and hotels).

US \$4820/person

Single add – US \$875

Not included:

Bus transfer Iguassu Falls/ Porto Iguazu airport (customs and immigration fees) + domestic air tickets Porto Iguazu/Rosário estimated US\$ 480pp (with all taxes, 1 carry on, 1 checked luggage – 23kg) till the flight is booked).

International air tickets EUA/Brazil – Argentina/EUA

International travel insurance

Passport / Visa issuing costs

Driver/guide tips (\$10 U.S per day per person)

A confirmation deposit of 50% is due on July 30th for the hotels, transport and domestic air tickets bookings. Final balance November 10th.

Based on minimum and maximum participation. Itinerary is subject to changes due unforeseen circumstances or price increases.