





Uncovering Argentina

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In 2001 Argentina faced its most severe financial crisis. Ten years have passed since that dramatic event, yet many wounds are still fresh. Our journey will tell the story of the people who started all over again from scratch, without forgetting the ones who are still living hard times, perhaps lost in the tunnel of Paco, the “drug of poor”. Argentina is the first state in South America to have legalized marriage between homosexual couples. How could this be possible in a country with such strong catholic traditions? We will listen to the reasons raised against this openness by some of the most prominent churchmen in office, yet seeing how there are also priests willing to marry couples of the same sex. Leaving Buenos Aires, we will travel along the Ruta 40, a historic route that runs from north to south of the Patagonia region. Our adventure will lead us on the tracks of those who tried to hide their own traces, starting with Nazi hierarchs escaped from Germany to avoid the Nuremberg trial, going on with the last hippie communities that are still trying to achieve their utopia of a perfect world. In our journey we will also face the subject of land speculation, aimed at exploiting the land’s natural resources – water and minerals. All of this is mainly happening at the expenses of the Mapuche, the indigenous people who always lived in this land and who are now strongly asserting their claim on it.



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The art of getting by

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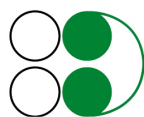
Escape to Patagonia

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Argentina for export

The main thread of this road trip is the Ruta 40, the historic route that runs from north to south of Patagonia. In our journey we will face the subject of land speculation, in other words, of how foreign multinationals manage to buy hundreds of hectares for nothing in order to exploit the land's natural resources – water and minerals.



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