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IT'S A MAN'S WORLD

You've only got to be in Argentina for five minutes before you realise that despite the female president – it's a man's world out there. For the worst of Argentine macho culture, jump in a taxi or try and cross the road, for the best, book yourself on **The Man Tour** (www.landingpadba.com, 6963 7259, Tues – Fri 2.00pm, Sat 11.00am. 6 hours, US\$ 215, discounts available for groups or couples). The gentleman's tour has been showcasing the refined masculinity of the early 1800s since 2011. Highlights include a family run hattery which has been in business for over a century, a straight-razor shave at a traditional barber shop and a stiff drink and a smoke in top cigar bar's VIP room. The Man Tour was created when tour company owner Jed Rothenberg noticed that it was females who most contacted his tour company. It seemed wives and girlfriends were the ones doing all the organising and Rothenberg felt that men were "always getting tricked into going shopping all day for shoes and purses." He wanted to give the blokes something else to do, with or without the girls, and so The Man Tour was born.

Aside from the tour, other 'manly' activities visitors may want to try are: eating a traditional *parilla* or barbeque, going to a football match or asserting their manhood on the tango dancefloor – note: not being able to dance may have the opposite effect.

TAKING TANGO STEP BY STEP

To learn the tango rules properly, sustainable tourism company **ANDA responsible** (www.andatravel.com.ar 3221 0833, tango walking tours AR\$1275, AR\$1798 by bus, discounts available) operate highly recommendable and personalised tours of local tango halls. The tour kicks off with an hour-long tango class and then heads to the *milonga*. Here, friendly local tango experts explain the dancefloor's complex social codes such as the *cabecito* – a little nod of the head a man gives to a woman when he wants to dance with her – and other rules about how many dances its acceptable to dance with one partner and how long you're required to dance with them once you've started. ANDA responsible also have a number of other appealing tours, including one of La Boca, which visits social immersion projects happening in the area, a tour of 'Jewish Buenos Aires' and the least traditional, an hour-long chat with a charming and knowledgeable local where any question is acceptable, be it about economy, politics or Argentina's chances in the world cup.

START WITH STREET ART

Also socially responsible, **Graffitimundo** (www.graffitimundo.com, 3683 3219, group tours US\$25, bike and hidden walls tours US\$35) is a non-profit organisation set up by two London girls who were so taken with the street art when they arrived in Buenos

