



## **Come and tango by the Elbe**

### **BUENOS AIRES Argentina Festival**

**at 825<sup>th</sup> HAMBURG PORT ANNIVERSARY from 9 to 11 May**

- **Experience the world's tango capital in all its facets**
- **Exciting events centred on Buenos Aires and Argentina**

(Hamburg, 11/04/2014) – Buenos Aires is one of the world's most fascinating cities and is celebrated as the home of the tango. The 825<sup>th</sup> HAMBURG PORT ANNIVERSARY re-creates the pulsating atmosphere of the Argentine capital at the BUENOS AIRES Argentina Festival at Kehrwiederspitz from 9 to 11 May. The world's biggest port festival will feature seductive dances by the world tango champions, Argentine culinary specialities, and virtual walks in Buenos Aires, a photo exhibition on the historic ship Cap San Diego, and a spectacular show at the Planetarium – Argentina and its capital will take centre stage for the celebration in Hamburg.

### **Learn tango from the world champions**

A wide range of programme items are planned for visitors at the BUENOS AIRES Argentina Festival, showing them more about the lifestyle and culture of Argentina and its capital city. The tango will of course play a major part – Buenos Aires is well known as the birthplace and global capital of this dance of passion. The reigning world tango champions Maximiliano Cristiani and J sica Arfenoni will demonstrate some of their skills, and hold workshops to initiate interested hobby dancers to the secrets of their art. The popular folk dance Milonga, a precursor of the Tango Argentino, will also be demonstrated on the stage at Kehrwiederspitz.

### **South American feeling by the Elbe**

A virtual tour of Buenos Aires will give visitors a sense of the picturesque streets and alleyways of the Argentine capital, showing them amazing details from the exciting history of the city and its port – South America's second largest following Santos (Brazil). Characteristic national dishes and drinks will be available such as the traditional Asado beef grilled on an open wood fire, the famous Malbec wine from Mendoza, a province in the Andes, and Argentine beer, which is very popular at international trend restaurants.

The official opening of the BUENOS AIRES Argentina Festival is at 17:30 hours on Friday, 9 May, with high-ranking government delegates from Buenos Aires and the City of Hamburg. The two port cities will also make use of the HAMBURG PORT ANNIVERSARY for talks on expanding their mutual trading and business relations and tourism.

### **Photo exhibition on the Cap San Diego**

Argentina and its capital will also be at the centre of other events in Hamburg at the HAMBURG PORT ANNIVERSARY. A photo exhibition called "The Flight of the Condor" by Jochim Maack will be shown on the Cap San Diego, focusing on the wide horizons of Patagonia, the blue shimmering glaciers and the Southern Andes, including images of petrified forests and of shipwrecks in the Strait of Magellan. The large-format textile print makes the photos look like paintings. Viewing times for the exhibition during the HAMBURG PORT ANNIVERSARY are from 10:00 to 18:00 on Sunday 11 May; it is shown in Holds 1 and 2 on board. The setting is highly appropriate – before the Cap San Diego moored in the Port of Hamburg as a museum ship, she carried general cargo between Europe and South America for 25 years, calling regularly at the Port of Buenos Aires.

### **A trip to the star of the South**

The Planetarium is putting on a very special show for the senses – the Argentine spectacle “Tango 360° and the stars over Buenos Aires” will be shown for the first time at a European planetarium, taking visitors on an atmospheric journey to the Argentine capital. Amazing 360° images present the constellations of the southern hemisphere and the Southern Cross, leading on to the famous sights of Buenos Aires. The show is accompanied by the unique music of the celebrated Argentine composer Astor Piazzolla and Argentine dancers. The first performance will be on Wednesday 7 May and will be opened by Hernán Lombardi, Minister of Culture of Buenos Aires.

### **Cultural meeting between Hamburg and Buenos Aires**

There are recognised German international schools in Argentina, and particularly in the Buenos Aires area, leading to German and international school certificates, and other schools with German-language teaching. 14 girls and boys from these schools will come to Hamburg on a special school exchange during the HAMBURG PORT ANNIVERSARY. In 2013 the Boys' Choir of Hamburg's St. Nikolai Church was invited to Buenos Aires to give a guest performance; now it will prepare music together with the guests from Argentina and girls and boys from three Hamburg schools, and perform them at various locations at the world's greatest port festival. The school students from Argentina will also attend classes in Hamburg and tour the city, thus engaging in cultural meetings and dialogue.

### **Argentine Days at Hamburg's Block House Restaurants**

To mark the partnership with Argentina at the 825<sup>th</sup> HAMBURG PORT ANNIVERSARY, the Hamburg Block House Restaurants will serve a special steak from Argentina, together with a selected Argentine wine. Customers can enjoy the “Argentine Days” at the 14 Block House Restaurants in Hamburg from 9 to 11 May 2014. The Argentine beef will be prepared in the typical national manner on an open lava stone grill heated to 400°. To ensure the high quality of the Hamburg Steakhouse chain, the cattle are bred in Argentina in animal friendly conditions, grazing in their natural surroundings without additional feed.

The HAMBURG PORT ANNIVERSARY is grateful to all the sponsors, especially to the longstanding principal sponsor AIDA Cruises. Their support enables the world's greatest Port Festival to be held each year, winning the hearts of more than a million visitors from all parts of the world.

An overview and other useful tips on all aspects of the world's biggest port festival are given at [www.hamburg.de/hafengeburtstag](http://www.hamburg.de/hafengeburtstag) or daily from 8:00 to 20:00 hours on the hotline of Hamburg Tourismus GmbH: +49 40 30051300.

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