

Day 25 Tuesday 7th August

After so many days of travelling we were all looking forward to seeing another wonder of the world today and visit the Iguacu National Park. The national park is also the home of the Iguacu Falls, the Brazilian name for the end of the Parana river and there was an air of excitement as we met at breakfast ready for a full day. Luckily the convention ladies as they have been nicknamed had long gone and it was a relatively peaceful dining room that met us this morning!



It was a short coach ride to the entrance of the National Park and then a park bus to the walkways but as we got off the bus we all agreed it was true that you could hear them before you see them! It is hard to describe the falls. There are said to be 275 of them altogether, the most impressive called the Devil's throat, the power and noise hard to grasp even on film. As we walked along the 1,200 metre trail toward the falls, we marvelled at the beauty and power as a rainbow began to form it was picture perfect!

Nearing the face of the falls, as a team we went out on the walkway over the torrent of bubbling water, losing sight of each other as the spray occasionally engulfed our line of vision. We briefly regrouped at the end of the walkway in awe of the noise and motion surrounding us. Thoroughly soaked many such as Josh S and Theo sported the 'just got out of the bath' look until the warm sun dried us out again.



Josh S...

"Today we went to the falls, one of my personal highlights of the trip and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. The views were amazing and the power of the water in the falls was breathtaking. The experience will surely be one that I will never forget."

Lunch was in a cafe overlooking the falls, we couldn't help reflect on all those who unwittingly must have travelled down the river not realising the dangers of the falls ahead, certainly 300 metres before the drop there is little evidence of the drop ahead.



It was a short walk to the Bird Park which was our afternoon activity. It wasn't long before we were all cooing over the spectacular array of birds, toucans, macaws, parrots, ostriches, Southern screamers to name a few, the colours so bright we needed our sunglasses to shade our eyes.



Maria writes about her experience of the Bird Park...

The bird park was amazing and I enjoyed every minute of it, the best part was we got to go in the cage with the birds and there was one bird that was biting everyone and then there was another one that was biting at our feet which was really funny, I think it would have been a bit better if we had longer to go around the park because we didn't get to see all of the birds because we only had an hour.



We were in very good spirits as we made our way to the hotel for a swim and some fun before putting in another evening preparing for our end of trip concert.

