



## PUNTA MOGOTES - BOSQUE DE PERALTA RAMOS - ALFAR - PLAYAS DEL SUR

The marked contrasts of the coastal, urban and rural areas make this tour unique. In the coastal southbound tour, gently sloped beaches alternate with others surrounded by lush vegetation (after the lighthouse) which turn into small beaches at the foot of the cliffs.

Neighbourhoods are named after the beaches facing them. With their peculiarities, they represent a different way to enjoy Mar del Plata.

**By car: 2 hour 30 minute tour (Departure: Port). Half-day or Full-day tour when other activities are included.**

**By bus: For further information about transport and schedules visitors should get the monthly edition of the activity guide in one of the tourist information offices of the Tourism Board.**

**A** large bay with gently sloped beaches frames this resort complex, wherein gastronomic services and leisure activities are available. Twenty four beach resorts connected to the Reserva Natural del Puerto (reserve) by an area of lagoons align along a bay after the port with fine sand beaches facing the open sea.

Along De los Trabajadores Ave (ex Martínez de Hoz Ave), south of the **Reserva Natural del Puerto** (natural reserve) the **playas de Punta Mogotes** (beaches) comprise the **Complejo de Punta Mogotes** (complex) and offer beach tents, sunshades, parking lots, restaurants, bars, sports and recreational facilities for all ages.

Punta Mogotes neighbourhood offers accommodation, gastronomy and shopping options. The 3-kilometre bay ends in **Punta Cantera** (also known as **Waikiki**) where surfing and kayaking are practised.

**Ruta Provincial 11** (route) starts in 4600 De los Trabajadores Ave at the intersection of Mario Bravo Ave. It is also known as **Paseo Costanero Sur Presidente Arturo Illía** until the limit of the Partido de General Pueyrredon in Las Brusquitas (stream), (29 kilometres from the lighthouse roundabout).

The **Reserva Turística y Forestal Paseo Costanero Sur** (reserve) stretches from Punta Cantera to Las Brusquitas (stream). The afforestation of the area took place in the 1940's to fix sand

Mar del Plata is undoubtedly a centre for economic development in the region. Intense truck farming activity is carried out in the nearby farms. Due to the quality of the surrounding lands, the area is also an ideal location for crop growing and cattle raising activities.

The Ruta 11 (route) winds along the coast surrounded by wooded areas and panoramic viewpoints.

dunes and to generate recreational areas. Several streams flow through the reserve into the sea. The area boasts accommodation options, restaurants, cafés and recreational facilities.

Before heading south, the intersection of Mario Bravo Ave and Vergara St. leads visitors to the **Barrio y Reserva Forestal Bosque de Peralta Ramos** (neighbourhood and protected forest) with magnificent chalets surrounded by

wooded areas, accommodation options, restaurants and tea houses.

On the way back to the coast, the **Iglesia San Pío de Pietralcina** (3850 Sánchez de Bustamante St.) is a worth visiting church. It is a temple of picturesque architecture built with the typical Mar del Plata stone.

The **Mar del Plata Aquarium** is located in 5600 Paseo Costanero Sur St. The theme park offers shows featuring





dolphins and sea lions, shark diving, water ski shows and a food court, among other attractions.

The **Faro de Punta Mogotes** (lighthouse) was inaugurated in 1891. Its light flashes 1 time every 10 seconds and it can be seen from 42 nautical miles (77 kilometres). During the day, the red and white metallic structure is noticeable from 20 nautical miles (37 kilometres). It is also a radio beacon. Visits are not available.

Before the lighthouse roundabout, the Barrio Alfar (neighbourhood) is accessed by Diagonal Estados Unidos St. where the **Museo Arqueológico Guillermo Magrassi** (museum) keeps elements and utensils of the first aboriginal settlements in the area. Most of them are unique since they were made of quartzite stone. The museum is related to the history of the southern area of the city.

The **Playa Alfar** is located 1 kilometre from the lighthouse roundabout. It features exclusive resorts with excellent facilities and wooded areas that reach the sea. They are a venue for concerts and beach parties.

Several beaches which are surrounded by cliffs alternate after the Playa Alfar: **Playa San Jacinto, Playa Serena, Playa San Patricio, Playa San Carlos, Playa Los Acatilados** and **Playa Mar y Sol**.

At the intersection of kilometre 15 of the Route 11 and 749 St. the **Camino de las Estancias Originarias** (original ranches trail) joins Route 11 with Route

88, where the first ranches of the south east of the province of Buenos Aires and the General Pueyrredon district were founded. The old train station named Chapadmalal is also located in the area. The **Camino de las Canteras** (quarries trail) is where Mar del Plata stone and clay (used to make bricks and roof tiles) are extracted. These are typical materials of the Marplatense architecture.

**Marayú Country Club** is accessed by 749 St. It boasts a golf course with a magnificent Norman style club house. Only members can use the club facilities.

The **Complejo Turístico de Chapadmalal** (tourist complex) is located 20 kilometres from the lighthouse roundabout. It is managed by the Secretaria de Turismo de la Nación (National Tourism Board) and it boasts 9 hotels, restaurants, bars, recreational

facilities, playgrounds for children, a picturesque chapel and a lake. The hotels are set amid extensive parkland. The **Museo Eva Perón** (museum) is located in the No. 5 Hotel and recreates the history of the social tourism in Argentina.

Playa Escondida, the only naturist beach in Mar del Plata, is located 25 kilometres from the lighthouse roundabout. Dogs, beach peddlers and the use of cameras and hi-fi systems are not allowed.

After **Playa Escondida** visitors will find **Barrio El Marquesado, Barrio San Eduardo del Mar** (neighbourhoods) and **Las Brusquitas** (stream), which marks the limit between General Pueyrredon District with General Alvarado District. Miramar city, seat of the General Alvarado District municipal government is located 35 kilometres from the lighthouse roundabout.

