



QUINTAS Y CANTERAS - CAMPOS ONDULADOS

The Tandilia hill system, on which Mar del Plata is settled, stretches over 350 kilometres between the cities of Bolívar and Mar del Plata (province of Buenos Aires). These eroded formations are covered by sediments which shaped gently sloped fields. These rocky formations, just like the hill ranges, are made up of quartzite of great antiquity, highly appreciated in the construction industry and exploited by numerous quarries. The

fertile soil (80-cm-thick humus layer), the suitable climatic conditions and the abundant supply of water turn this area into a privileged one. Intense truck farming activity is carried out in the farms surrounding Batán city, which caters for the needs of other major urban centres. Ruta 88 (route), the Camino de las Canteras (trail) and the Camino San Francisco de Asís (trail), cover the whole area.

By car: 3-hour tour (basic tour). Half-day or Full-day tour when recreational and gastronomic options are included in the limits of the General Pueyrredon District. It is recommended that visitors choose the car option.

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.

The tour begins in Independencia Ave. an important commercial artery. At the intersection of Juan B. Justo Ave the Parque Municipal de Deportes Teodoro Bronzini (sports park) comprises the Estadio Polideportivo Islas Malvinas (multi-purpose stadium) and the Estadio de Fútbol José María Minella (football stadium), the Velódromo J. Polet (cycle track), the Patinódromo Luis A. Lugea (skating rink), the Complejo Natatorio Alberto Zorrilla (swimming complex with an Olympic-size swimming pool), the Estadio Atlético Justo Romana (track and field stadium), a hockey pitch and a skate park, among other venues. All of them offer every sports facilities required by those who use the sports park premises. The park boasts wooded areas and green spaces.

The roundabout of Juan B. Justo and Champagnat Avenues with the Monumento al Gaucho (monument) marks the Km 0 of Ruta Provincial 88 (route) named Presidente Perón Ave up to the limit of the General Pueyrredon District (Paraje La Polola, Km 22.6). From Km.0, along 9.5 kilometres there is a 3-metre-wide central bicycle lane.

Heading south east, visitors should pay attention to different places of interest: at Km 1.5, the Instituto Nacional de Rehabilitación del Sur (institute that treats different physical handicaps

formerly named Cerenil); at Km. 2.4, on the same side of the road, the Aeródromo Parque Hermoso (airfield), at Km 3.3 the Mercado de Abasto Central (food market) and 300 metres ahead the access to the Autódromo Ciudad de Mar del Plata (racetrack with car and motorcycle events throughout theyear).

The Aeródromo del Club de Planeadores Mar del Plata (glider airfield) is located at Km 3.9 of the route.

The Parque Industrial General Savio (industrial park) is located a Km 6.5. The plants set up there produce food, chemicals, metal mechanic products and construction materials, and some





- 1 Autódromo Ciudad de Mar del Plata - Km. 3,6.
- 2 Parque Industrial Gral. Savio - Km. 6,1.
- 3 Aeroclub Mar del Plata - Km. 6,7.
- 4 Estación Chapadmalal del Ferrocarril.

canoe and pedal boat hire, rainbow trout fishing, canopy walkways, zip-lines, BBQ pits, a coffee shop, etc.) and Granja Productiva - Educativa La Piedra (farm with a cow and goat milking yard, a cheese factory, an organic vegetable garden, a tea house and a restaurant).

Barrio Estación Chapadmalal (neighborhood) lies 4500 metres from the beginning of the trail next to an old railway station. Trains departed to Buenos Aires city with the production of the former Estancia Chapadmalal (cattle ranch) which belonged to the Martinez de Hoz family. Nowadays, quarry and farm workers and their families live there.

From Estación Chapadmalal it is possible to continue along the Camino de las Estancias Originarias (original ranches trail) which joins Ruta 88 (route) with Ruta 11 (route), where the first ranches of the south east

of the province of Buenos Aires and the General Pueyrredon district were founded.

The Camino de las Canteras (trail) ends at Km 12 of Ruta 88 (route).

Turning left towards Mar del Plata, Batán city (Km 10) is administrative and commercial centre of a dynamic and prosperous zone of the General Pueyrredon District.

Al Zoológico Batán, en el km. 11,1 de la ruta a la izquierda, se accede por calle Los Ortíz, debiéndose recorrer 1.100 metros hasta la entrada. Taking Ruta 88 (route) again towards Mar del Plata visitors can get to Zoo Batán (the access to the zoo is on the left at Km 11.1). There, visitors can see exotic and farm animals from different parts of Argentina (monkeys, bears, tigers, hippopotamuses, lions, antelopes) as well as an aviary and an educational farm amid magnificent natural environments. Guided tours, playgrounds for children and an interpretation centre are available for visitors .

of them export more than 50% of their produce abroad. This park falls under the jurisdiction of General Pueyrredón Municipality.

At Km 7 el Aero Club Mar del Plata (airfield) offers air excursions.

At Km 9, on the left side of the road, the Camino San Francisco de Asís (trail) goes through the Paraje San Francisco, extensive area of important economic activities. This area includes fields where

vegetables, fine and exotic fruits and flowers are grown, and birds and bees are bred. The Unidad Penitenciaria N° 15 de Batán (jail) is located on this 12.5-Km road that ends at the Km 9.8 of Ruta 226 (route) in the Paraje Santa Paula (neighbourhood).

This lane branches off Ruta 88 (route) at Km 9,5 and turns left. Camino de las Canteras is a 9-Km trail where there are quartzite stone quarries also known as Mar del Plata stone. All the quarries in Mar del Plata are exploited in the open air since the stone and clay layers are close to the ground surface. This condition allows for a better exploitation with lower costs and risks. It is not allowed to bathe in the apparent ponds which are huge excavation pits produced by the extraction of stones and filled with water. Visitors should pay attention when visiting the area. This trail offers two recreational alternatives: Ecoparque El Encanto (recreational park with a farm, a swimming pool,

