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## Buenos Aires

Argentina, located in the lower half of South America, is like a triangle between two oceans, extending from the majestic Los Andes Mountains and Pacific Ocean in the east to the Atlantic Ocean in the west, and from the tropic of Capricorn in the north, almost to Antarctica in the south. The climate is very warm in the north (tropical area), mild in the center and very cold in the south.

In the country's center are the rich lands famously known as the "Pampas," which are extensive flat areas with rich soils and generous rains that have helped turn Argentina into a world-wide grain exporter and famous meat producer. Mention Argentina and people will immediately picture a country of lonely "gauchos," cows, soccer players, and sultry tango dancers and singers. The country is blessed with abundant natural resources and a highly educated population. The country also boasts a stunning geography, blessed with a variety of natural wonders and cultural attractions. Unfortunately, in spite of all this potential, a succession of administrations has left the country economically and socially unstable, with high rates of unemployment and crime.

Buenos Aires, one of the world's major metropolises, is home to one in three Argentines and is the capital of the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world. This complex, energetic and seductive port city, which stretches south to north along the big, wide Rio de la Plata, possesses a rich and elaborate cultural identity, generated by its multinational population, mainly of Spaniards, Italians, Germans and British, but also including Japanese. The lifestyle and architecture are unmistakably more European than any other city in the Americas. Due to this diversity, the spirit of a global city is present

everywhere in Buenos Aires. Despite Buenos Aires being well known for its sophistication, there are from time to time travelers who, ignorant of such a reputation, come seeking adventure in the spirit of their image of a "Latin American City" and may feel disappointed by its European character.

NK's Buenos Aires Office was opened in 1980 and is well located in an elegant district near the downtown area, with easy access to the main highways and airports. The Office undertakes survey work in 21 ports in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. This very large service area stretches more than 3,500 km from Paraguay's Asuncion Port in the north, to the southernmost port in the world, called Ushuaia, near the famous Cape Horn, and involves some 50,000 km of driving, as well as many hours of domestic and international flying per year, in order to carry out the survey work requested.

The Buenos Aires Office conducts regular in-service surveys mainly for bulk carriers and oil tankers but also has vast experience in surveying new buildings built to NK class at local shipyards. This work has included one oil tanker, five bulk carriers, one ferry (vehicle/passenger ship) and several river barges. In recent years, due to rapid increases in Argentina's exports of grain and oil, the work in the Office has increased to more than 200 surveys per year.

The coming years will no doubt be interesting and challenging, due to the continuous growth of the Society and the great changes in ship technology. The Buenos Aires Office staff are looking forward with pride to representing NK with their best efforts.