



BUENOS AIRES: CITY OF MUSIC

Did you know Buenos Aires is one of the world's top cities for music? And it isn't only tango orchestras you can hear, but all kinds of music.

CLASSICAL MUSIC AND OPERA

It's easy to find good classical music in Buenos Aires. Top orchestras from all over the world play in the *Teatro Colon* and you can also see first-class operas. It's not cheap, but you pay less if you get a ticket for a whole season.

JAZZ AND POP MUSIC

Buenos Aires is full of jazz clubs, but the most interesting is probably *Jazz y Pop*. It's in a tiny room in a basement and the musicians play in the middle of the room. And not only jazz – they also play rock, pop and folk music. Musicians come from all over the world to play there for free, so you might see someone famous!

Or if you like drums, visit the *Konex Cultural Centre*. A band called *La Bamba do Tiempo* play drums there every Monday night. They play dance music from Africa and Latin America. Tourists and local people come together to enjoy the party and dance all night long.

Then there's *The Roxy*. It has two stages, one for live rock music and the other for dance music with DJs. Go there late – the bands don't start playing until 2 am and the crowds start arriving around 3. Drinks are expensive!

TANGO IN THE STREET

Go to the *San Telmo* district. It's full of great cafés and shops, and also musicians and singers. On a warm summer evening you can see tango dancers in the street. There's a space for dancing in every café. It's free so bring your dancing shoes!

1 READING

a Look at picture a. What kind of dance are they doing?

b Look at *Buenos Aires: City of music*. Do you think it is about:

- 1 famous Argentinean bands
- 2 places to hear music
- 3 tango dancing?

Read the text and check your ideas.

c Read *Buenos Aires: City of music* again and answer the questions.

- 1 Which of the marked places do you think the people in pictures a-d are in?
- 2 Which is the most expensive place to go?
- 3 Where can you hear more than one type of music?
- 4 What's the best time to go to *The Roxy*?
- 5 Which place(s) do you think are popular with both visitors and people who live in the city?

d You're in Buenos Aires. Choose one place you'd like to go to, and one place you wouldn't like to go to. Why / Why not?