

Great Football Cities: Buenos Aires



1) Discussion

- a) Have you ever visited Argentina or any other South American countries?
 - b) Which South American countries would you like to visit?
 - c) What do you know about Argentinian football and who are your favourite players?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Unique (adjective) | a) Very strong or powerful. |
| 2) To Pack with (verb) | b) One of a kind; special. |
| 3) Distinguished (adjective) | c) To show or explain clearly. |
| 4) Intense (adjective) | d) Looked up to; respected. |
| 5) To Admire (adjective) | e) Well-known and respected. |
| 6) To Illustrate (verb) | f) To fill completely with. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Unique

To Pack With

Distinguished

Intense

To Admire

To Illustrate

- 1) During his _____ career, Paolo Maldini won 5 Champions League titles and 7 Serie As
- 2) In his home country, Mexico, Javier Hernández is _____ by fans.
- 3) The rivalry between Barcelona and Real Madrid is very _____ , with strong emotions and high energy in every match.
- 4) To _____ his point about teamwork, the coach showed videos of Klopp's Liverpool team.
- 5) In his early years, Cristiano Ronaldo was known for his _____ dribbling style.
- 6) The Lusail Stadium in Qatar was _____ thousands of cheering fans during the World Cup final.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

a) Which teams are mentioned in the article?

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Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, is a vibrant and exciting city. It is known for its beautiful European-style buildings, busy neighbourhoods, and rich culture. The people here love art, music, and especially football. Football is not just a game in Buenos Aires; it is a big part of life. Everywhere you go in the city, you can feel the passion for the beautiful game, from the historic streets of San Telmo to the green parks of Palermo. Buenos Aires is truly a unique place for football fans.

The city has some of the most famous football clubs in the world. Boca Juniors are one of these clubs, known for their blue and gold kits. They play at the famous *La Bombonera* stadium, which is always packed with loud and passionate fans. River Plate, their biggest rival, plays at the large *Estadio Monumental*. These two clubs have a long history of rivalry. Independiente, called "*El Rojo*," also have a distinguished history and many loyal fans. Racing Club are another important team with a long tradition, and they have a big rivalry with Independiente. San Lorenzo, from the Boedo neighbourhood, adds more excitement to the football scene in Buenos Aires.

The rivalry between Boca Juniors and River Plate is called the *Superclásico*. It is one of the most intense and famous rivalries in the world of football. When these two teams play against each other, the whole city is filled with excitement and tension. The Superclásico is not just a football match; it is a huge event that shows the strong emotions and history between the fans of these two teams. The stadiums are full of colours, songs, and cheers, making it a must-see experience.

Independiente is very famous in South America for their success in the Copa Libertadores, the top club competition in the continent. They are known as the "King of Cups" because they have won this tournament seven times, more than any other team. Their best time was in the 1970s when they won four times in a row from 1972 to 1975. This amazing success makes Independiente very special to their fans and admired by football lovers everywhere.



In conclusion, Buenos Aires is a city where football is deeply loved. The famous clubs, exciting rivalries, and historic wins create a unique and vibrant football culture. Whether you are watching a Superclásico match or celebrating a Copa Libertadores victory, football in Buenos Aires is an unforgettable experience that illustrates the true spirit of the city.

4) Discussion

- a) What are your thoughts on football in Buenos Aires and would you like to visit the city?
- b) Which teams would you like to watch?
- c) Do you prefer Boca or River Plate?

