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the town for awhile.

When my wife returns, she has a bunch of cheap jewelry that she's bought from a souvenir vendor down the street. She has mostly rings and necklaces, most with a red



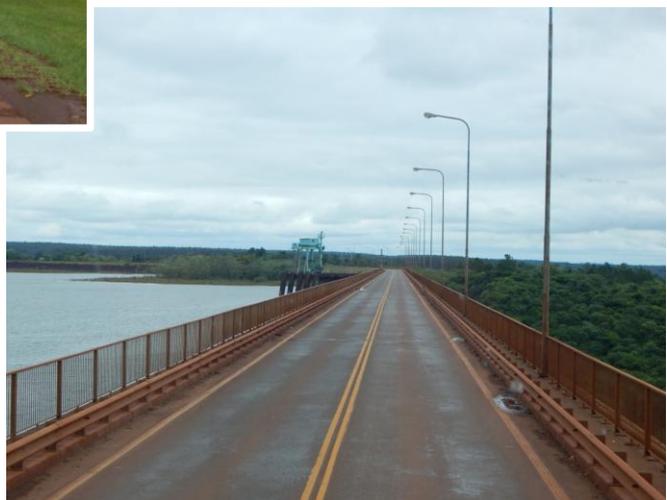
Around noon, our bus arrives. We board and get our seats on the front row on the top level. From here, we'll have a direct view of where the bus is going as we're sitting directly above the driver. The seats are comfortable for our 5½ hour bus ride to Posadas. Sitting in the seats across the aisle from us is a young family with their 2 year old son. They do a good job of keeping him occupied and well behaved.

Today is to be a pretty boring day. We sleep in then go to the free breakfast the hotel offers. We're in no hurry as our bus to Posadas doesn't depart until 12:15 PM.

A little after 10 AM, we take the bus from the hotel to the bus station. After a little orientation, we figure out where the waiting area is for the long-distance buses. I sit there with our bags while my wife walks around



rock that is common to this part of Argentina. She got a good deal as each piece only cost a few dollars. She was able to pay in U.S. dollars. We still have time for our bus departs, so she returns to purchase more jewelry.





The 5½ hour bus ride is uneventful. It makes a few stops along the way. The weather is nice. The landscape is very green and mostly countryside with few people. We pass across a few dams creating lakes.

As we get close to Posadas, we see that the traffic has significantly increased with a lot of traffic congestion as we reach the edge of the city.



A little before 6 PM, we arrive at the main bus station in Posadas. The bus station is a few miles south of the center of the city where our hotel is located. Also at the bus station is the main bus terminal for all the city buses. With

little difficulty, we're able to find with bus goes near our hotel.



Soon, we're getting off a bus next to Plaza San Martin. From here, we only have to walk a block to our hotel.

Our hotel appears from the outside and lobby to be one of the better hotels, but once we get to our room, we see that it's a bit run down and need of some refurbishing. The walls could use a new coat of paint and the air conditioning unit is belching out lint when the fan is on high.



We decide to go find something for supper around 7:30 PM as it's starting to get dark.

We walk back to Plaza San Martin and notice two things. First, there aren't a lot of people out. Second, there are police officers stationed at about every street corner. This gives us the impression that Posadas may not be a safe city.

We decide to not venture far from our hotel out of sight from where police officers are standing. Unfortunately, there aren't many choices for food and we don't venture far enough to find a grocery store. We end up getting foot-long hot dogs at a small shop. The cost is two hot dogs for \$50 (\$3 U.S.).

We return to the hotel, but notice a nearby gas station has a convenience store with basic food items.

We go to bed.

