

Eight glorious days in Argentina with Pujya Sri Swami Veditatmananda ji

Namaste.

For eight days the Vedanta students of Arsha Vidya were immensely blessed by the presence of Pujya Sri Swami Veditatmananda Saraswati in Argentina. From the moment of Sri Swamiji's arrival in the morning of April 27 until the evening of May 4, 2017, Sri Swamiji's presence brought a luminous glow of happiness to all who came to see him. Nature also blessed us with sunny and pleasant weather.

There were two main events: the 27th anniversary celebration of Arsha Vidya in Argentina on Sunday, 30 May, and the Vedanta Retreat from 30 May to 3 June. The rest of the time Sri Swamiji either had pre-scheduled visits, an impromptu class, a biksha, or sightseeing excursions with Vedanta students. The joy was mutual. Our older Vedanta students had not felt such a divine presence in Argentina since 1999, which was Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati's final visit to Argentina.

Both the anniversary and the Vedanta retreat took place in a large retreat center next to a gothic-style monastery with lovely gardens in a quiet neighborhood of the Capital City of Buenos Aires. "Success" was the topic of Pujya Sri Swamiji's brilliant anniversary talk. This illustrious talk is transcribed and included in this Arsha Vidya Newsletter. The new book translated to Spanish which Sri Swami Veditatmananda ji released is "Libertad de desamparo", "Freedom from Helplessness" in English.

For the Vedanta retreat Sri Swamiji chose 12 verses from the Prathama Adhyāya of Kathopanishad. Everything was perfect due to the abundant grace of this great master and the mutual affinity between all the students and Pujya Sri Swami Veditatmananda ji.

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