Plaza de Mayo



The Plaza de Mayo was designed by the founder of the city in 1580. A Spanish fortress, the cathedral, the council and a modest Catholic church were built around the square. The Plaza de Mayo has been a witness to the most crucial moments in Argentine history, from the May Revolution of 1810, the mass movement that in 1945 proclaimed General Peron a defender of the working class, successive military governments during the XX century to the downfall of the constitutional government of President Fernando De la Rua in 2001 as a result of social revolt and lootings.





NEORENAISSANCE Casa

Casa Rosada

Francesco Tamburini (Italian)

- PLACE OF THE FIRST FORTRESS IN BUENOS AIRES
- END XIXth CENTURY THE COMPLEX OF BUILDING WAS UNIFIED
- PINK BECAUSE IT WAS PAINTED WITH A MIXTURE OF LIME AND BULL'S BLOOD



MONUMENTALISM

Banco Nación

1938 Arch. Alejandro

- OCTOGONAL DOME 50 M DIAMETER
- 3RD. IN THE WORLD AFTER THE VATICAN AND THE CAPITOL
- FACADE SIMILAR TO MADERNA'S SAINT PETER
- COLUMNS: GIANT ORDER



NEOCLASSICISM

Metropolitan Cathedral

1593 1862 Alejandro Bustillo (reciclaje)

- SEVEN TIMES DEMOLISHED -
- MASUOLEUM OF GRAL. SAN MARTIN
- ATTACHED LIBRARY BURNED IN 1955
- CONSTANT ATTACKED BY POLITICAL GROUPS



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Cabildo
de Buenos Aires

1740

Andrea Bianchi (Italian)

- AS RESULT OF THE OPENING OF THE AVENUE IT WAS SHORTENED SEVERAL TIMES
- TOTAL RECONSTRUCTION IN 1940 (NEOCOLONIAL PERIOD)



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ECLECTIC HISTORICISM

Legislature Of Buenos Aires

1931

Arch. Héctor Ayerza

- MUCH CRITICIZED BECAUSE OF ITS LATE ACADEMICISM
- DECORATION LOUIS XIV STYLE
- GREAT SYMBOLIC BELERY





NEOCLASSICISM

Mayo Pyramid

1811

Master Builder Francisco Cañete (Spanish)

- SMALL OBELISK MORE THAN PYRAMID
- ATTEMPT TO REPLACE IT FOR A GREAT COLOSSAL MONUMENT
- AT ITS APEX AN ALLEGORIC SCULPTURE OF THE REPUBLIC

Other monuments:

ECONOMY MINISTRY, MONUMENT TO BELGRANO (DISPROPORTION HORSE AND HERO)
ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL (PURE NEO-GREEK) - SAN IGNACIO CHURCH (BAROQUE) - CHURCH OF SAN
FRANCISCO(BAROQUE) SAINT ROQUE'S CHAPEL (NO ORNAMENTATED TO PREVENT FROM FIRE)
CITY HOTEL (ART DECÓ)

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