



The Obelisk in the center of Buenos Aires' grand Avenida 9 de Julio locates the city's beginning.

Straddling the Andes

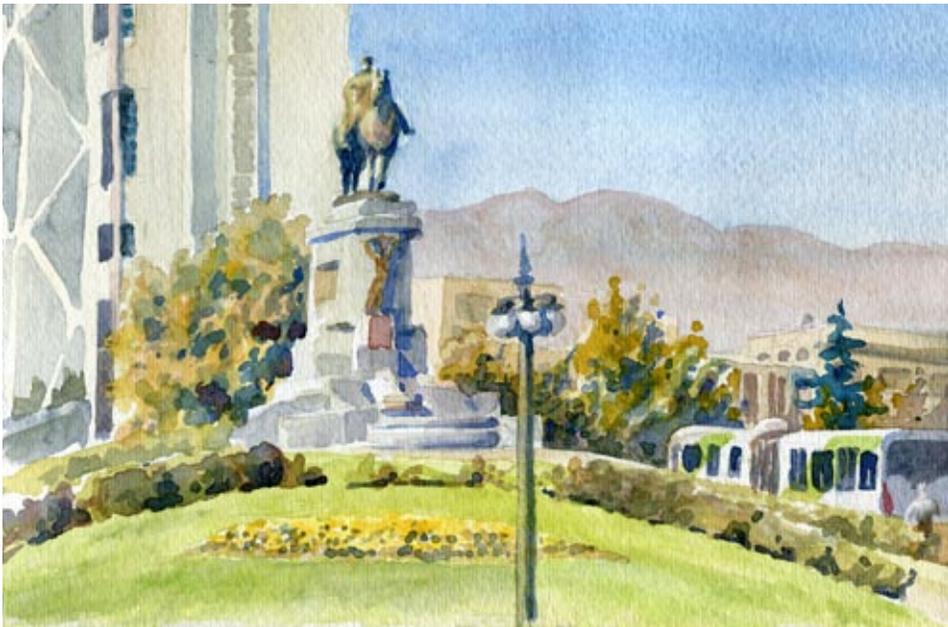
Traveling through southern South America covers more than a change in elevation. From the bustling centers of Santiago and Buenos Aires, to the wind swept Patagonian landscape, the land is suffused with nature, culture, history and the people who shaped it.



Poplars stand in their autumn glory at the edge of the wildly beautiful Patagonian steppe.

Plain-aire watercolors by Michael Killelea

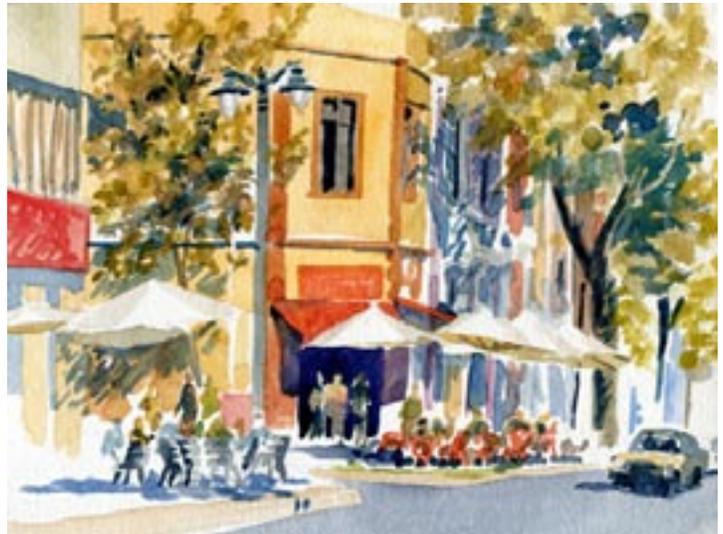
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Santiago, Chile glistens with sunshine and the sparkle of water channeled from the Andes. The Plaza Baquedano (left) is a traffic hub and focal point for citizen concerns. Locals share conversation and coffee in the Barrio Bellas Artes (below).

In Puerto Varas on the shore of Lake Llanquihue (bottom), the picturesque cone of Mt. Osorno stands above all in its snow capped perfection.

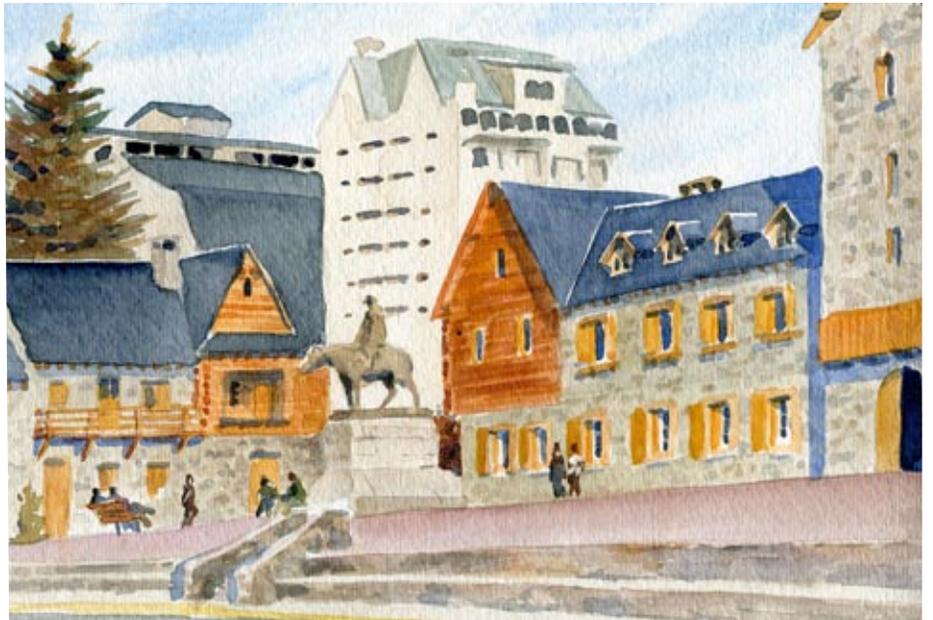
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Turquoise water and soaring peaks stretch beyond a boat landing at Peulla, Chile on the shore of Lago Todos los Santos (above).

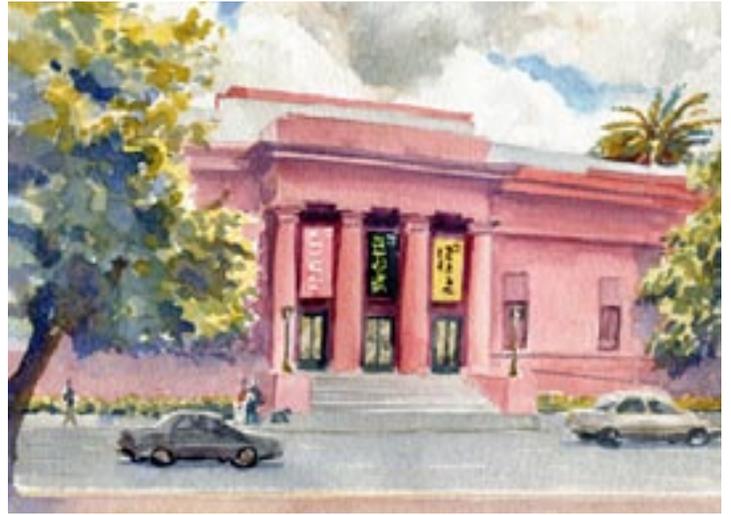
Bariloche, Argentina (right) is filled with alpine ambiance, both in the buildings around the Centro Civco and the surrounding mountains.



In Puerto Monte, Chile (below) a former farm has become a German Museum noting the tidy influence of immigrants from that country.



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The vibrancy that is Buenos Aires is visible in the raucous color of buildings in Barrio La Boca (above left) and the exterior of the National Museum of Fine Arts (above right).

Afternoon sun glows through trees in the busy Plaza Liberator San Martin (below), one of many fine city parks.



Michael Killelea is a watercolorist who brings his paints and his passion for color with him everywhere.

His work can be seen on line at www.killeleart.com

