

# *Architecture in Mar del Plata and the house over the brook*



# *Mar del Plata*

- **Mar del Plata** is an Argentinean city located on the coast of the Atlántic Ocean in Buenos Aires Province, 400 Km. south of Buenos Aires. Mar del Plata is one of the major fishing ports and the biggest seaside beach resort in Argentina.



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- The house over the brook is a beautiful house in Mar del Plata. This building was built in 1942 by Amancio Williams. This construction has many important things: it is located in Mar del Plata, city which was once called: the “Biarritz on the Atlantic Ocean”; it was over a brook, and it was (and is) surrounded by nature. This house has a huge history and we can compare a lot of things about it with the Mar del Plata Architecture



# *Architecture in Mar del Plata*

The development of the city as a season resort in early 20 century led the upper class tourists from Buenos Aires to build-up an European-inspired architecture, based mainly on the picturesque and later on the art deco styles. This gave Mar del Plata the pompous nickname of the *Argentine Biarritz*. During the 30's and well beyond the 40's, local architects and builders recreated and transformed the *picturesque* values into a middle-class scale, marking the beginning of the so called *Mar del Plata Style*, consisting in small samples of the luxury-laden summer residences of the high society.



# *Villa Victoria*

- This building, constructed for the Ocampo Family, is one of the most famous dwellings in Mar del Plata. Situated on 1851 Matheu St., this construction that now belongs to the United Nations (its UNESCO branch). The inside of the building is made of wood specially brought from England.



# *Villa Silvina*

- This “chalet” is a typical construction of Mar del Plata. Built in 1908 by W. Basset Smith , this house is in a beautiful part of Mar del Plata. It was declares as a municipal monument by General Pueyrredon Government. It has some French details that make the house a perfect chalet. Today, it belongs to the Mar del Plata Day School.

