

The Way of the Milonga

The Traditional Buenos Aires Style Milonga

A milonga, at its core, is a social event dedicated to tango dancing. Born in the dance halls of Buenos Aires, it is a meeting place for tango aficionados, where the rhythms of the night resonate with the beats of tango, and the dance floor tells a thousand stories. Milongas are the place tango dancers immerse themselves in the lively and vibrant tango community.

More than a dance event, a milonga is a social tapestry where connections are woven through shared love for tango. It's where friendships are made, experiences exchanged, and the sense of community is strengthened. From sharing a table with strangers who become friends, to discovering new dance partners, the milonga's social aspect is as vibrant as its dance.

A milonga is also much more than a social event; it's a transformative experience. It's an invitation to step onto the dance floor, lose yourself in the music, and become a part of the ever-evolving narrative of tango. Once you have been initiated as a Bailarin de Tango, the pulsating energy, vibrant community, and the sheer joy of movement at a milonga always energises, always the excitement of an unforgettable encounter.

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Milongas come with their unique set of social codes or 'codigos' that dancers adhere to. Though not explicitly stated, these codigos are an integral part of the milonga culture, adding a layer of intrigue to the experience.

Navigating the milonga scene, especially for those new to tango, can seem very daunting. Understanding the unique cultural etiquette, accepting or declining an invitation to dance, surviving the pressure of the packed dance floor with dignity, and all the rest of the complex milonguero interactions, can be a challenge.

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However, do not worry - here at Sidewalktango we will support you all the way through this process in your training, classes and Practica.

Then we will accompany you on a trip to milonga in a neighbouring suburb or state for your initiation into the "Way of the Milonga".

We make sure everyone is fully prepared, practiced and trained in all aspects of traditional tango dance culture and practiced from the very first class .

Our class members themselves make sure the culture is carried through in all our Classes and Practicas in an atmosphere of mutual support, everyone is fully aware and on board within the traditional tango culture of Awareness, Respect, Kindness and Consent.