

Colors of ARGENTINA



YELLOW



CUYO & CENTER



07
DAYS

FROM THE
HIGH
MOUNTAIN
TO THE
MOON
VALLEY



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TUESDAYS
AND
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From the High Mountains to the Moon Valley

Mendoza - San Juan - La Rioja

Green valleys carved through times among the imposing mountains and gorges, where the Andes reach their superb beauty in the mythical Aconcagua, the highest peak in the American continent.

DAY 01 MENDOZA

Reception at Mendoza airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, a city tour will get you acquainted with the history and culture of the city, founded by Spanish colonists more than four centuries ago. We will go through its tree-lined avenues and its streets bordered by 'acequias' (irrigation ditches) and visit the most important points in the city. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.

DAY 02 MENDOZA

Breakfast. Departure to visit some wine cellars of the region: La Rural, with the Wine Museum, one of the most important in the

world, which exhibits original wine cellar elements. We will also visit López Winery, one of the most traditional in Argentina. Lunch at a restaurant. Return to the hotel.

DAY 03 MENDOZA / USPALLATA

Breakfast. Early departure towards the Argentine-Chilean border, passing by Uspallata Valley, and Penitentes ski resort. We will finally reach Puente del Inca (Inca Bridge) and its hot springs. The bridge was named like this because the Inca natives used this natural bridge on their way from Chile to the pre-spanish Peru. Lunch at the local inn. On the way, we will admire the view of Mt. Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the American Continent, (6,959 meters / 22,831 feet). We will also do some trekking towards Horcones lagoon for a better view of this great mountain. Arrival at Las Cuevas. Accommodation in Uspallata. Dinner.

DAY 04 USPALLATA

Breakfast. Day at leisure to enjoy optional activities such as rafting in Mendoza River, mountain bike, or trekking to appreciate different landscapes. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 05 USPALLATA / SAN JUAN

Breakfast. Departure to San Juan passing by Barreal, Calingasta, Iglesias, Flores, Pismanta and Jachal. Arriva. Accommodation.

DAY 06 SAN JUAN / SAN AGUSTIN DEL VALLE FERTIL

Breakfast. Departure to Ischigualasto, best known as 'Valle de la Luna' (Moon Valley), an area where paleontologists, geologists and naturalists from all over the world have carried out different studies because of the particular geological formation and for the fossils found in the area. The arid landscape and the grey wind-eroded 180 meter (590 feet) high rock formations will never fail to amaze those who visit the valley. The recent discovery of fossils from the Triassic Period (when the dinosaurs first emerged) drew worldwide attention to this area. Return to the hotel.

DAY 07 SAN AGUSTIN DEL VALLE FERTIL / BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast. Transfer to San Juan airport to board a flight to Buenos Aires.



MENDOZA | MOUNT ACONCAGUA

03
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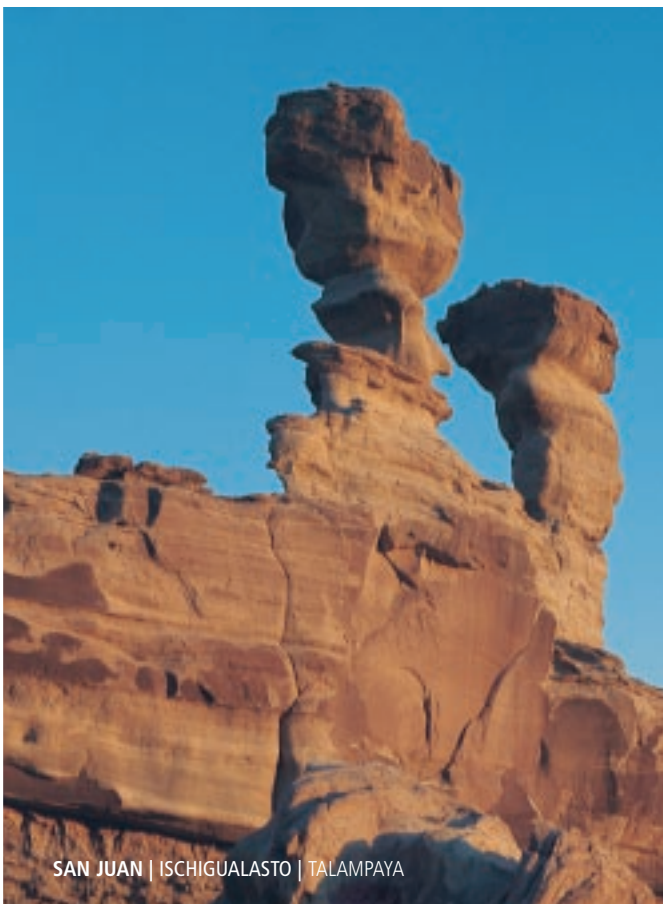
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SATURDAYS



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SAN JUAN | ISCHIGUALASTO | TALAMPAYA

San Juan and Moon Valley

DAY 01 SAN JUAN / VALLE FERTIL

Reception at the airport. Afternoon departure to Valle Fertil, passing by some typical arid hilly towns which contrast with the greenish beauty of the valley that will appear upon arrival in Valle Fertil. We will spend the night at Valle Fertil Inn. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 02 SAN AGUSTIN DEL VALLE FERTIL

Breakfast. Early departure for the astonishing 'Ischigualasto' (Indian word for 'The place where the moon goes down' or 'Moon Valley'), one of the most important

paleontological reserves in the world, estimated to be over 180 million years old. The gradual accumulation of rocks and sand and the sculptural effects of erosion caused by the wind and rain have created different shapes. Then we will continue this wonderful tour visiting Talampaya, a true jewel of natural architecture, a tall gorge flanked by 120 m (393 feet) of red walls, which constitutes a pictographic deposit guarded by the majestic condor flying above. Talampaya is one of the greatest gifts nature has given us. Transfer to San Juan. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 03 SAN JUAN

Breakfast. In the morning, short visit to this nice and quiet town. We will continue towards Ullum Dam, a beautiful touch of blue in the middle of this dry area, located at the bottom of the Andes Precordillera. Later we will continue to the Zonda Valley, an amazing mountain gorge. Transfer to the airport.



Mendoza and its Wines

Mendoza - Tupungato

Mendoza is known as 'the land of Sun and the good wine'. This is the perfect tour to get acquainted with the charm and spirit of its local wines. Visiting some of wineries located around the city and all over this beautiful province, will allow you to gain greater knowledge of the industry as you will see the wine production techniques and some of the best preserved secrets of wine tasting.

DAY 01 MENDOZA / TUPUNGATO

Reception at the airport and transfer to Tupungato, in the Uco Valley area, where a large quantity of vineyards belonging to the main Argentine and foreign wineries have been placed. The Uco Valley is a privileged area for grape and high quality wines production due to its location at the foot of the Andes Range, with a unique landscape and heights of more than 1,000 metres (3,200 feet). Among the grapevines you can find chardonnay, merlot, malbec and semillón varieties, with different characteristics of those in other areas of the province. Accommodation in the small Posada Salentein, a place surrounded by mountains, vineyards, streams and woods. Different activities can be practised here, like trekking, fishing, 4WD riding or visiting Salentein's wine cellar. This wine cellar is located 1,200 m (3,937 feet) high. The pinot noir is cultivated at Finca San Pablo, which belonged to the Jesuit priests. This building is unique, as it has a cross-shape with a small independent cellar in each wing. Dinner at the posada with guided wine tasting included. Accommodation.

DAY 02 TUPUNGATO

Breakfast. Visit Bodegas Lurton and Fapes in the Uco Valley. Bodega Lurton, belongs to the brothers Jacques and Francois Lurton, who elaborate 'varietal' and generic wines with the following grapes: malbec, cabernet sauvignon, merlot, syrah and grey pinot. Bodega Fapes, is one of the oldests wine cellars in the area, and is outstanding in the art of combining the traditional with the new elaboration trends. The enthusiasm of its owners will allow you to discover many wine secrets in a friendly atmosphere. Lunch at Salentein. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the different activities offered in the place. Dinner at the posada with guided wine tasting included.

DAY 03 TUPUNGATO / MENDOZA

Breakfast. Departure to the productive oasis of the Central-West area. Visit Bodegas Norton and Lagarde. Bodegas Norton, founded in 1895 by an English engineer, is located in Luján de Cuyo. This winery has state of the art technology, without denying its history. Among the cultivated grapevines you can find malbec, cabernet, merlot, semillón, chenin, chardonnay, riesling and Barbera d'Asti. Casa Vinícola Viniterra, located in Luján de Cuyo, is a boutique wine cellar which produces wines of the chardonnay, sauvignon Blanc and chenin among the white grapes; malbec, cabernet sauvignon, syrah, merlot, Sangiovese and bonarda among the red varieties. Bodegas Lagarde is well known for its prestigious wines, elaborated in limited lots in a centennial wine cellar, regularly participating in international contests. Its 'fincas' (productive ranches) are located in the city of Luján de Cuyo. The main varieties produced are the red cabernet sauvignon, malbec, merlot, syrah, pinot noir, Petit Verdot, and the white chardonnay, sauvignon Blanc, chenin and semillón. Lunch at a restaurant in the area. In the afternoon visit to Bodega Domaine Vistalba. The French owners of this winery have managed to combine the 'savoir faire' of its origins with the grapes produced by the native soils. This

wine cellar elaborates its products in the way of a French Chateaux. Return to Mendoza. Accommodation at the Hyatt Hotel. Dinner at leisure.

DAY 04 MENDOZA

Breakfast. The city, which dates back to the XVI Century, is located in one of the province's oasis. A city tour will let you know the city history and culture, it was founded more than four centuries ago by Spaniards. Understanding the local culture will definitively mean a better understanding of the wine soul. We will go through its tree-lined avenues and its streets bordered by 'acequias' (irrigation ditches) and we will visit the city's most important attractions. Visit to Bodega La Rural, one of the first local wineries, founded in 1895 by an Italian immigrant (Felipe Rutini). Among the most cultivated grapes you can find the white riesling, chardonnay, chenin, gewürztraminer (the only wine cellar that cultivates this kind of grapes) and the red merlot, malbec and cabernet sauvignon.

It has a wine museum, one of the most important ones in the world, with an exhibition of elements of the original wine cellar. Lunch at a restaurant in the area. In the afternoon, visit to Bodega López, one of the most traditional cellars in Argentina. It uses state of the art equipment without altering the almost handicraft traditional process which is a hallmark of the winery. It owns properties in Maipú and Luján de Cuyo. Among the varieties cultivated you can find: cabernet sauvignon, merlot, malbec, pinot noir, semillón, chardonnay and chenin. Return to the hotel. In the evening, enjoy a superb dinner at '1884', a restaurant owned by Francis Mallmann, the worldwide renowned chef. Accommodation.

DAY 05 MENDOZA

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport to board a flight to Buenos Aires.



NOTE: The aboved mentioned wine cellar would be changed by similars

In depth tours

LEARNING TO HARVEST

Be in contact with the wonderful wine world and with the vineyards during the harvest season. Experience the work of a real vine-grower and also take part in harvest activities directed by an expert professional who will provide you with the necessary tools for you to become a real grape picker and wine producer. You will have the opportunity to walk in the vineyards and after a day that you are going to remember forever, we will enjoy a delicious typical lunch.

LEARNING TO PRUNE

Directed by an expert you will take part in pruning activities. You will be provided with all necessary tools to become a real vineyard worker. You will have the opportunity to walk in the vineyards and after a days work, we will enjoy a delicious typical lunch.

COOKING CLASS & WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE

Tasting means drinking a wine carefully to appreciate its quality with all our senses: sight, taste, smell and touch. It is knowing and comparing it, and also to describe it judging it. There we will participate in an introductory talk about wine tasting to understand its properties, all these guided by an expert. At the restaurant, we will participate in a cooking class of regional dishes and we will prepare our own dishes guided by a real gourmet. Then we will enjoy the menu, accompanied by house wines.

HORSEBACK-RIDDING TOUR TO THE WINERIES

Live a different experience, enjoying an amazing landscape and an exclusive horseback ride through vineyards and tree lined streets. We will be introduced to the winemaking process, its secrets, and we will taste some varieties. By midday it is the perfect time to have lunch and to combine these excellent wines with the traditional Argentinean cuisine.

05 DAYS

MENDOZA AND ITS WINES



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CORDOBA | ESTANCIA SANTA CATALINA

The Road of the Jesuit Estancias

Located in the center of Argentina, the province of Cordoba shows a unique historical patrimony that has been incorporated to the World Heritage Sites by UNESCO: the Road of the Jesuits Estancias.

DAY 01 ASCOCHINGA

Reception at Cordoba airport and transfer to Estancia La Paz, General Roca's old residence. You may choose from horseback riding, old carriages riding or rowing in the lake, among other activities. Lunch. In the afternoon visit to Candonga Chapel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner. Accommodation at the estancia.

DAY 02 ASCOCHINGA / CORDOBA

Breakfast. Departure towards Estancia Santa Catalina, an important cattle ranch. The church is the outstanding feature, built in barroque - colonial style. Continue towards Estancia Jesús María, a ranch dedicated to the wine production, where you will visit the National Jesuit Museum. The visit follows to Colonia Caroya, the first ranch bought by the Jesuits in 1616, later used as a holiday resort by the students of Monserrat School and even later as a gun factory. Lunch. We will continue to the city of Córdoba, one of the three most important cities in Argentina. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 03 CORDOBA

Breakfast. Visit the Civic Center, first settlement of the Jesuits in Córdoba and a testimony of the Jesuit priests. Visit the main buildings, educational centers and churches, where the 'Estancias Jesuíticas' were settled in 1600. Lunch. In the afternoon visit to Estancia Alta Gracia, the fourth ranch bought by the Jesuits, which was mainly devoted to the production of looms and the manufacture of bells. It is interesting to visit the church and the 'Tajamar' of the estancia, the oldest dam in the province. Return to the hotel. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 04 CORDOBA

Breakfast. Departure to visit Estancia La Candelaria, once a large cattle ranch. Lunch. Return to the city. Dinner. Accommodation.

DAY 05 CORDOBA

Breakfast. Departure to the airport.

OPTIONAL TOUR

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

In addition to the visit of the Civic Center and other jesuit establishments in Córdoba city, we will visit the estancias of Alta Gracia, Caroya, Jesús María and Santa Catalina.



CORDOBA | LA CANDELARIA

