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DAYS

CLASSIC NORTHWEST



NOT INCLUDED



MONDAYS ALL YEAR ROUND



HALF BOARD

NORTHWEST



SPANISH AND BILINGUAL (English, German, Italian, French)

DAY 01 SAN MIGUEL DE TUCUMÁN

Reception at the airport and transfer to the hotel. City tour including a visit to Villa Nogués and Mount San Javier. Accommodation. Dinner.

DAY 02 SAN MIGUEL DE TUCUMÁN / QUILMES

Breakfast. Departure for a tour to the Quilmes ruins, passing by the Quebrada de los Sosa (Los Sosa Ravine), viewing the Monument to the Calchaquí Indians and El Mollar with its 'Menhires' (monolithic stone blocks). We will also visit Tafi del Valle, a wonderful summer resort by an artificial lake, and the Indians ruins of Quilmes. Accommodation at Quilmes Inn. Dinner.

DAY 03 QUILMES / MOLINOS / CACHI

Breakfast. Departure to Cafayate, through the Calchaquí Valleys, passing Colalao del Valle at Tolombón. Visit to Cafayate, located 1,700 meters (5,577 feet) above sea level. This town is one of those peaceful, colonial style settlements that evoke the feeling of a past history. In such a wonderful climate, its vineyards produces a worldwide known wine. Visit to a winery. The panoramic view of the valleys continues while travelling by the Quebrada de las Conchas (also known as Cafayate Gorge) with colorful stone formations carved by the wind: the 'Amphitheatre', the 'Castle', the 'Priest', and the 'Devil's Throat'. Afterwards, we will go on our way towards Cachi, down the same road (Route 68) towards Cafayate, and then northward. In our way we will pass by small typical villages devoted to sweet pepper farming for the elaboration of paprika, such as Animaná, el Barrial, San Carlos and Molinos. Once in Cachi, we will be able to appreciate an ancient town, founded in the XVII century at the foot of the white snow-covered peak of Cachi, with a wonderful view of the surrounding valleys. Accommodation. Dinner.

DAY 04 CACHI / SALTA

Breakfast. Visit the archeological museum and the church. We will follow this route, across Los Cardones National Park, characteristic for its great abundance in giant cacti, upwards Cuesta del Obispo, called the Condor's home, reaching 3,720 meters (12,204 feet) above sea level. At this point there is a splendid and colorful view of the Calchaquí Valleys, a natural treasure located in one of the most beautiful landscapes in the country. Afternoon arrival in Salta. Accommodation. Dinner.

DAY 05 HUMAHUACA / SALTA

Departure for a drive along the historic Humahuaca Gorge, passing León, Volcán, Tumbaya, Purmamarca framed by the Seven Color Hill, Tilcara with its Archeological Museum and the old rebuilt indian fortress (known as Pucará de Tilcara), and Uquía Church, finally arriving at Humahuaca. Visit the Handicraft Fair. On the way back to Salta it will be interesting to stop at Jujuy for a visit of this nice city. Afternoon arrival in Salta. Accommodation. Dinner.

DAY 06 SALTA

Day at leisure for optional tours. Accommodation. Dinner.

DAY 07 SALTA

City tour visiting the major points of interest and transfer to the local airport.



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Northwestern Argentina: a place full of contrasts where visitors immerse themselves in the historic roots of Latin American culture, within a landscape of valleys, gorges and small towns, where modern life has melted with colonial architecture, so deeply stuck in time that no traces of contemporary life are found. Plunge into a magical habitat where the fresh air stresses the presence of the colorful hills and the irregular geological formations of the gorges and where the warm weather and its kindest people make your stay more enjoyable.



Optional tours:

Tren a las Nubes (Train to the Clouds) to Viaducto La Polvorilla (The Polvorilla Viaduct), 214 km (133 miles) away, at 4,200 meters above sea level (13,780 feet), admiring the changing colors of the sharp rocks. The highlight of this trip is the amazing crossing of the viaduct suspended on the abyss on fabulous pillars. (Saturdays from May to October) (As of January 2007 it is not operating until further notice).

Safari Movitrack following the famous track of the 'Train to the Clouds' through the Del Toro Gorge to San Antonio de los Cobres; arriving at Salinas Grandes (Grand Salt Pits) in Jujuy after crossing the Puna. On the way back, the downhill Cuesta de Lipan, will allow a visit to the picturesque village of Purmamarca. Return to Salta.