

Gaucha & Wine Tour in South America



Join us on VM Travel Adventure's Wine Tour of Argentina. The tour will start in Buenos Aires, the "Paris of the South" with a Tango Dinner Show. A short flight north takes you Iguazu Falls one of the largest curtains of water in the world in the crux of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. Nearby Salta, a predominate wine region of Argentina boasts of its high altitude vineyards. A drive through the red rock geological formations of the Andes will take you to the microclimate of Cafayate to taste the rich Cabernets and Torrontes of this region. Then fly south to Mendoza where you will nestle into the Auberge du Vin Lodge in close proximity to the "Zorzal Winery" in the Uco Valley. Asados, picnics and gourmet meals await you! Travel the astounding highway across the Andes to Santiago de Chile to taste these wines and dip your toes in the Pacific Ocean.

Argentina & Chile

Nov. 5-19 2021

2 week Gaucha and Wine Tour

\$ 4550 USD per person (no GST applicable)

Price based on min. of 10 pax -double occupancy



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

LODGINGS with breakfast – 4/5 star

- 2 nights – Art Hotel – BsAs
- 2 nights La Cantera Jungle Lodge, Iguazu Falls
- 2 nights- Solar Hotel – Salta
- 2 nights – Wine Resort – Cafayate
- 3 nights -Auberge du Vin – Mendoza
- 3 nights Plaza San Francisco, Santiago de Chile

MEALS:

- VIP Tango/Dinner Show – BsAs
- La Cantera Lodge Iguazu Falls - demi pension
- Day at Zorzal – Asado luncheon
- Bodega Andeluna 6 course wine pairing luncheon
- Concha y Toro Tapas and Wine luncheon

WINERY VISITS:

- SuperUCO Ecological Winery
- Burbujas de Altura Winery
- El Cuadro Winery

TRANSPORT:

- Flight – BsAs to Iguazu Falls
- Flight – Iguazu Falls to Salta
- Flight – Salta to Mendoza
- Double decker bus from Mendoza to Santiago, Chile
- Private minivan transport.

**GUIDE: Personal guides and interpreters:
Natascha and Corinne**



Non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due on or before March 15/21. Final balance is due on Sept. 15/21. Not included in this tour: International flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina and return from Santiago, Chile, Transfer to and from airports; meals not in itinerary; tips and gratuities; travel insurance.



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Two Week Gaucho & Wine Tour

Friday, Nov. 5- Day 1 (D) – Buenos Aires

Welcome to the Art Hotel in the centre of Recoleta, one of the most chic neighbourhoods of la Capital. Settle in and take a walk around the “barrio” finishing with an Argentine Steak and Zorzal Wines.

Saturday, Nov. 6 – Day 2 (B,D) Buenos Aires

Walk a few blocks to the Recoleta Cemetery located in a park where the purple Jacarandas will be in full flower. Catch a glimpse of Evita’s tomb before shopping at the local artisan market, catching a local Argentine beer on the patio. Option to visit the Bellas Artes Museum close by before returning to the hotel. A night of tango awaits you at the Café de Los Angelitos following your 3 course dinner with wine.

Sunday, Nov. 7 (B,D) – Day 3 Iguazu Falls

Noon hour flight to Iguazu Falls. Check into La Cantera Lodge and Spa. Enjoy a relaxing time around the pool. Spa options. Dinner included.

Monday, Nov 8 (B,D) - Day 4 – Iguazu Falls

After breakfast you have a full day excursion to Iguazu Falls

including transfer from La Cantera to the National Park (entrance included). Enjoy an English tour of the Argentine side of the falls along the catwalks and over the falls. Next is the Grand Adventure zodiac ride under the



falls and up the river followed by an open deck jeep jungle safari. Transfer back to the Lodge.

Tuesday, Nov. 9- Day 5 (B)- Salta

Take a mid-morning flight to Salta in northern Argentina in time for the Gaucho Festival. Our Hotel Solar de la Plaza is within walking distance of the cowboy & folklore activities. Explore the town and catch a local Pena!

Wednesday, Nov. 10- (B) Day 6 – Salta

This is the official Tradicion Day in Argentina celebrating their gaucho heritage. Enjoy the unique rodeo events and a parade of horses and traditional dances. In July 1 Plaza you will find food kiosks of Argentine empanadas and beer.

Thursday, Nov. 11- (B) Day 7 – Cafayate

3 hours south of Salta, through “Colorado” or red geological formations of the pre Andes is Cafayate, a micro-climate for the growing of grapes. High altitude makes these wines crisp and unique. Traversing this pueblo to our Wine Resort Hotel will give you a glimpse of what awaits us tomorrow. Settle into this countryside resort in the middle of the vineyards to take in the view and a refreshing swim in the pool. Later that evening learn about some of Cafayate’s boutique wineries in the lodge’s cellar. Dine at your leisure in the restaurant or on your private terrace.



Friday, Nov. 12 Day 8 (B,L) – Cafayate

Andreas Hoy, a former agronomist at El Esteco (Don David) offers a morning walk through his family vineyards which results in a profound understanding of growing grapes in the microclimate of Cafayate. Enjoy lunch at the winery before returning to Cafayate for a free afternoon of Tradicion events including a visit to the modern Wine Museum and perhaps a peek in the excentric pottery maker for your pacha mama. Enjoy the springtime weather in this small town venue.

Saturday, Nov. 13 Day 9 (B) – Mendoza

Early morning drive to the airport in Salta for a flight to Mendoza anticipating an arrival in the late afternoon. Transfer to the Auberge du Vin lodge just outside of Tupungato and just a few Km from Bodega Zorzal. Settle into your modern rooms before a welcome cocktail on the rooftop. Dinner on your own at the lodge.

Sunday, November 14 Day 10 (B) – Mendoza

Manzano Historico (apple tree) marks the point where Argentina’s liberator Gen.San Martin, crossed the Andes to liberate Chile and Peru from the Spanish. This morning pause will give us time to reflect on the significance of this event. In recent years the Uco Valley has developed in tourism– lodgings, restaurant and wineries. The Michellini Brothers combined

their ecological ideas to create SuperUCO as part of the Vines of Mendoza project. This is a miniature winery and garden that reflect the connection with mother earth. In a circular tasting room, the brothers invite you to try all of their wines, each with their own unique style. A 6 course luncheon paired with the favourful Andeluna wines awaits you at Bodega Andeluna, a long established winery of the Uco Valley. Evening to relax at the Auberge du Vin after a full day! Optional evening golf game at Tupungato Winelands.

Monday, November 15 Day 11 (B,L) Mendoza
OUR DAY AT ZORZAL! This is why we are here, to discover everything about Zorzal and what makes it reputed in Argentina and around the world. Bodega Zorzal is 70 hectares in Guatallary at an altitude of 1350 M . Remember it is spring in Argentina so expect temperatures of +15 to 20C . Zorzal wine awaits you as Juan Pablo and Noelia our winemakers navigate you through the eggs, steel tanks and oak barrels to savour Zorzal wines. Juampi has a 6th sense about the wines as they develop and chooses them by their personality in the barrels to make our premium wines! This afternoon we will partake in a typical Argentine Asado (BBQ) with every kind of meat imaginable – don't worry there will be some "greens" to balance off the protein. With the snowcovered Andes as a backdrop and Juan Pablo serenading us with this music, this afternoon will be magical! A walk through our young vines will serve to digest our meal and to acquaint you with the immensity of the property. Evening sunset on the roof of the Auberge.



Tuesday, November 16 Day 12 (B) Santiago

Enjoy a 7 hours double decker bus ride over the Andes on one of the most spectacular highways in the world. Keep your eyes open for condors as you cross the Argentine-Chile border. Descend the switchbacks into the lush valley of Chile on the road to Santiago. In the heart of downtown Santiago check into the lovely Plaza San Francisco Hotel with a welcome Pisco Sour. Walk to the La Starria Barrio for a an evening meal.

Wednesday, November 17 Day 13 (B) Santiago

This morning we will visit the Maipo wine valley of Chile with a visit to Concha Y Toro, the largest exporter of wine in Chile. Enjoy a guided visit of this historic winery. Watch for the Diablo lurking in the cellars dating back to 1850. Delight in a food wine pairing luncheon in the courtyard. Back in Santiago you will have the afternoon to visit the mircocentre of Santiago with its Alameda walking street to the Plaza des Armes, La moneda and other historical monuments. Dinner on your own in the area.

Thursday, November 18 Day 14 (B) Santiago

This is our day on the Pacific Coast! En route stop in the Casablanca valley at El Quadro Winery for a Wasa (Chilean cowboy) demonstration. Carry on to Vina del Mar for a marguerita lunch and a walk along the beach before strolling around the UNESCO site of colourful Valparaiso. At the port enjoy a funicular (1892) ride up to view the containers loaded on the ships. Catch a pisco sour and a Chilean empanada on the terraced restaurant at the top. Evening back in Santiago.

Friday, November 18 Day 15 (B) In transit

Today is a free day in Santiago for some last minute shopping or sightseeing. Prepare for your evening departure to Canada.

