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ARGENTINA SALTA TRAIN TO TUCUMAN & BUENOS AIRES TOUR

Train to the Clouds & Tucuman-Buenos Aires Railway Journey

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

The renowned Train to the Clouds just recently began operating at full speed again, and now carries several thousand passengers along the vertiginous heights of the Cordillera de los Andes each year. Other railway routes, such as the Tucuman-Buenos Aires, offer an opportunity to travel through much of Argentina in the comfort of an elegant passenger car. Explore Argentina by Rail on this classic Argentina train tour, and experience the Train to the Clouds Salta tour - its sure to be unforgettable!

NOTE: The Train to the Clouds Salta route is only available April-November. Also, it is important to book the Tucumán train well in advance (90 days in high season, 15 days in low season), due to the route's popularity.

<p>FROM \$2153 per person</p>	<p>THIS TOUR INCLUDES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 nights in 4* & 5* hotels• All breakfasts in hotels• Other meals as mentioned in the itinerary• All transfers and trains• All entrance fees and taxes• English-speaking tour guides	<p>HIGHLIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salta City Tour• Train to the clouds full-day scenic train ride• Humahuaca & the Hill of 7 Colors• Cafayate, Argentina's Torrontes wine region• Train from Tucuman to Buenos Aires• Tucuman City Tour• Buenos Aires City Tour
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Day 1

ARRIVAL IN BUENOS AIRES & CITY TOUR

Welcome to Argentina! One of our travel guides will greet you at the Buenos Aires International Airport and take you to your hotel in downtown Buenos Aires. Check in and relax in your hotel room. In the afternoon, you'll head out on a walking tour of Buenos Aires. This guided, half day tour includes many important landmarks of the city, including the Museo Nacional Ferroviario (the National Railway Museum). Note: the Museum is closed on Mondays.



Day 2

ARRIVAL IN SALTA & CITY TOUR

After breakfast in your Buenos Aires hotel, your tour guide will escort you to the domestic Buenos Aires airport for your flight to Salta, in northwest Argentina. Once in Salta, a tour guide will greet you and take you on a 3 hour Salta city tour. Climb the Cerro San Bernardo hill via a cable car ride to see panoramic views of the city. Then visit the beautiful Salta Cathedral, the 18th-century Cabildo, the Plaza 9 de Julio, the Church of San Francisco, the Town Hall, the Museo de Arqueología de Alta Montaña (Archaeology Museum of the High Mountains), and the local handicrafts market. Check into your hotel for the evening.



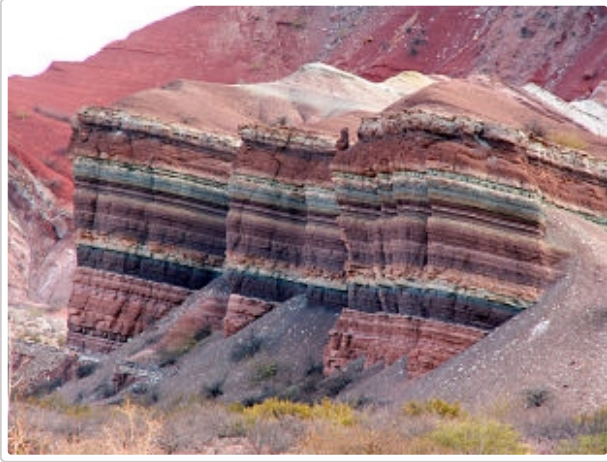
Day 3

SALTA TRAIN TO THE CLOUDS TOUR

Enjoy an early breakfast in your Salta hotel, and then transfer to the Train to the Clouds Station from the General Belgrano Station in Salta. This spectacular 15 hour train ride and tour on the Tren a las Nubes (Train to the Clouds) whisks you through the Cordillera de los Andes, past 19 tunnels, 29 bridges, many ravines and breathtaking scenery.

Once constructed as a shipping route for goods brought from the Chilean coast, the Train to the Clouds Salta route criss-crosses through the Cordillera de los Andes at a height of 4,220 metres (13,850 ft), making it one of the tallest trains in the world. One of the most interesting aspects of the Train to the Clouds, which was developed by the American engineer Richard Maury in the early 20th century, is that the train doesn't use brakes. Instead, this railway uses the winding, zigzag route through the mountains to control speed.

You'll have lunch along the way, and will have the opportunity to stop at San Antonio de los Cobres to see this Andean town. Return to Salta late at night.



Day 4 **HUMAHUACA**

Come with us on this full-day excursion to Quebrada de Humahuaca and pre-Hispanic towns. See the lagoons of Yala, 2000 metres above the sea level, surrounded by forests of pine trees, the unique Cerro de los Siete Colores ("Hill of the Seven Colours"), the Humahuaca Canon, professed as Humanity Heritage by UNESCO and numerous indigenous villages on the way such as Purmamarca and Tilcara with its impressive pre-hispanic fortress: The Pucara. Enjoy a heavenly landscape where Río Grande flows and where great archaeological beds are found in colourful hills on a full day excursion departing from Salta city.



Day 5 **FROM SALTA TO CAFAYATE**

Private transfer from your hotel in Salta to Cafayate town. If you wish, you may want to spend the evening at a vineyard. Overnight in Cafayate.



Day 6 **CAFAYATE / TUCUMÁN**

Private transfer from Cafayate to your hotel in Tucumán, including a visit to Quilmes ruins.



Day 7

TRAIN FROM TUCUMAN TO BUENOS AIRES

Once in Tucuman, you'll take the Ferrocentral train to Buenos Aires, a 25 hour journey. This popular scenic route is often booked well in advance, and there is a dining and snack car on board. If you wish, you can opt to spend more time in Tucuman, taking a city tour of this historic place, before returning to Buenos Aires.



Day 8

ARRIVAL IN BUENOS AIRES

In the afternoon, a guide will greet you at the Retiro station and transfer you to your Buenos Aires hotel. Get some sleep and relax before enjoying an evening at your leisure in Buenos Aires.



Day 9

TOUR TO LUJAN & TRAIN

This morning, eat breakfast in your Buenos Aires hotel, and then enjoy a full day tour to Lujan by railway. Lujan is a small city located just a short distance inland from Buenos Aires. In Lujan, visit the Basilica of the Virgin and the Enrique Udaondo Transportation Museum. Every year, pilgrims come to the Basilica in Lujan to pay homage to the patron saint of Argentina. The museum contains everything from horse carriages to planes, bikes, boats, and of course, trains -- all salvaged from Argentina's history. Lunch is included in this tour. Return to Buenos Aires in the evening.



Day 10

DEPARTURE FROM BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast in your hotel, and transfer to the airport for your flight home or to your next Argentina travel destination.