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THE SOUTH AMERICA WINE TOUR



The Definitive Wine & Gourmet Tour of South America

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

Perfect for foodies and wine enthusiasts: this South America Wine Tour allows you to taste South America's best wines and also get a taste of South America's scenic Andes Mountains, vibrant cultures, and busy capital cities. Starting in Santiago de Chile, visit the illustrious Maipo Valley wine region, including renowned vineyards such as Concho y Toro and Veramonte. Climb over the Andes Mountains to Mendoza, a city that enjoys year-round sunshine and grows delicious Malbec wine. Continue to the little town of Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay, where you can taste Tannat wine, which is often used to blend with weaker wines and make them more flavorful. Lastly, explore Buenos Aires, and enjoy your final night on this South America wine tour with a 3-course meal and plenty of Argentine wine.

FROM
\$3462
per person

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- 10 Days/9 Nights in 4-star Hotels
- 2 Dinners, 1 Lunch
- All Breakfasts
- All Transfers
- English-speaking Guides

HIGHLIGHTS

- Carmenère, Malbec & Tannat Wines
- Santiago de Chile city tour
- Malbec Wines in Mendoza
- Colonia del Sacramento
- Buenos Aires City Tour
- Tango Dinner Show

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Day 1

ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO DE CHILE & CITY TOUR

The South America Wine Tour begins in Santiago de Chile, which is located in the central region of Chile, north of Patagonia but south of the Atacama Desert. The capital is very modern and European in style, and features views of the Andes Mountains in the distance. Your guide will greet you at the airport and take you to your hotel.

In the afternoon, take a from your hotel for a half day sightseeing of Santiago. Visit the civic center, La Moneda Presidential Palace, the Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral and the Main Post Office. Head to Ahumada and Huerfanos, the busiest pedestrian streets in the city. Continue on to Santa Lucia Hill, the site of foundation of Santiago in 1541. The Santiago city tour also includes the bohemian district of Bellavista, and several residential neighborhoods with unique architecture. Enjoy dinner on us at a local restaurant.



Day 2

WINE TASTING AT CONCHA Y TORO

After breakfast, travel to one of most famous Chilean vineyards, Concha & Toro, situated in the Maipo River canyon. At this vineyard founded in 1883, you will find grapevines of the most famous French stock including Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot and Pinot Noir. Learn more about the making of wines while touring the factory and cellars, plus enjoy winetasting and the option to have lunch here as well. The spending of the afternoon is opt to you, so you can go shopping around or just relax.



Day 3

CROSS THE ANDES INTO ARGENTINA

Have breakfast at the hotel, take a ride across the Andes Mountains to the wine region of Mendoza in Argentina. Mendoza is in the rain shadow of the Andes, and has nearly 365 days of sunshine, making for great outdoor activities - and delicious Malbec wine. There your guide will take you to your hotel, where you can relax. Enjoy an included dinner at the gourmet restaurant Azafran.



Day 4

MENDOZA WINE TASTING TOUR

You may want to eat a light breakfast at the hotel, since today's touring includes a full-day wine & gourmet tour. Visit two wineries for a tour of the vineyards, cellars, and processing machinery, and enjoy wine tasting & lunch. A professional oenologist will guide you through the process of winemaking, even explaining the importance of the cork, and the correct way to handle a glass of wine. By the end of day, you'll feel like an expert *sommelier*!

In the evening, return to the hotel and relax. We recommend you go out to the gourmet restaurant "1884 Restaurant," owned by the famous chef Francis Mallmann (optional).



Day 5

MENDOZA CITY TOUR & FREE TIME

This morning, grab a bite to eat at the hotel breakfast buffet, and then head outside to tour sunny Mendoza. This city is located in the Mendoza River Valley near the foot of the Andes Mountains. Although the valley receives little rain, it is well-irrigated. The city features tree-lined streets and vineyards are found throughout the valley. Visit the Independence Square, the financial district, the civic center, and the ruins of San Francisco Church, and San Martin Park. At the park, you can see the Mendoza River Valley and the city.

In the afternoon, you can relax and spend your free time at the hotel, or explore the city on your own. You may also want to add an additional Mendoza excursion, such as a bike riding tour, hiking trip, or river rafting adventure.



Day 6

TRANSFER TO MONTEVIDEO & COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

After breakfast in Mendoza, check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for the flight to Montevideo, Uruguay. Once in Montevideo, transfer to the little town of Colonia del Sacramento, a UNESCO World Heritage Site facing the Rio de la Plata. Check into your hotel and relax, or walk along the cobblestone streets of Uruguay's most historic city.



Day 7

COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO TOUR & WINE TASTING

Take a walking tour of Colonia del Sacramento this morning. First founded by the Portuguese in 1680, Colonia was disputed by the Spanish and finally became part of Spanish territory. Today, Colonia enjoys a special status as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Head to one of the local wineries for a tour and some wine tastings. Tannat is Uruguay's most famous strain of wine, and this strong wine is often blended with weaker wines to bring out full-bodied flavors.



Day 8

TRANSFER TO BUENOS AIRES & TANGO SHOW

After breakfast, board a ferry from Colonia to the capital of Argentina. Buenos Aires is situated just inland from the docks of the south bank of the Rio de la Plata. Arrive on time to opt for a visit at San Telmo's antique market. Your hotel for tonight is the 4* Hotel Regal Pacific. Enjoy dinner and an impressive Tango Show (included).

After breakfast, take a ferry to Argentina and its capital Buenos Aires. If it's Sunday, go to San Telmo Antique Market before check in to your hotel. In the evening, enjoy a nice dinner and tango show with live musicians and great wines.



Day 9

BUENOS AIRES CITY TOUR

Take a Buenos Aires City Tour this morning. Visit the Congress Palace, the Legislative power's headquarters, situated in Avenida de Mayo. Then head to the other extreme of Avenida de Mayo to see the Government House also known as *Casa Rosada* and place of major political activities and public demonstrations. See also the old town city hall, Cabildo and the Cathedral. Go along 9 de Julio Avenue to see the opera house known as the Colon Theater. Continue to La Boca district with its bright colorful buildings and stroll on Caminito Street famous for its crafts fair on the weekends. See also the residential district of Palermo with its beautiful houses and green spaces. As you go back downtown, cross another residential neighborhood called Recoleta famous for its restaurants, coffee shops, nightclubs and boutiques. Stop at the Recoleta Cemetery to see Evita's tomb and its important works of art. You can spend the afternoon at your own pace doing some shopping or exploring more of the city.



Day 10

DEPART FROM BUENOS AIRES

Enjoy the last day of your South America Wine Tour as you wish. You can opt to explore more of the city or visit an estancia nearby to learn more about the gaucho lifestyle, or take a riverboat cruise down the Parana River to the Tigre Delta. In the evening, transfer to the airport to catch your flight back home or to another destination in South America.