

WINERIES OF CHILE, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND BRAZIL

Tango, Samba, Waterfalls and Wine Tour

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

A sample of different wine cultures including Brazil and Uruguay. Argentina and Chile is in everybody's mind. But Brazil and Uruguay have treasures to discover.

CONTACT US!

per person

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- Wine tastings at world-class vineyards
- · All hotel accommodations
- All tours, transfers, taxes, and entrance fees
- All breakfasts in hotels, and other meals as mentioned
- English-speaking guides

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wines of Chile, including Carmenere
- Wines of Argentina, including Malbec
- Wines of Uruguay, including Tannat
- Buenos Aires Tour
- Santiago Tour
- Rio de Janeiro Tour

ITINERARY



Day 1 SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Arrive Santiago de Chile. Your SouthAmerica.travel Guide greets you to the Chilean capital and escorts your selected hotel.

Depart from your hotel for a half day sightseeing of Santiago, the capital of Chile. See the civic center, La Moneda Presidential Palace, the Plaza de Armas, the imposing Cathedral and the Main Post Office. Continue to Ahumada and Huerfanos, the busiest commercial pedestrian streets in the city, and then, on to Santa Lucia Hill, the site of foundation of Santiago in 1541.

Proceed to the bohemian district of Bellavista with its active nightlife and craft fairs, the residential districts of Vitacura, Las Condes and Providencia with its modern architecture and exclusive shopping malls.



Day 2
SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Visit to Concha & Toro (or one of the other world reknown Chilean vineyards.) Located in the Maipo River canyon, planted with grapevines of the most noble French stock such as cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Pinot Noir and others. Founded in 1883 showing today a most modern technology in cooling equipment, stainless steel tanks, filters and oak casks which has lead as making of exceptional wines. Take the afternoon at leisure for shopping around.



Day 3
SANTIAGO DE CHILE TO MENDOZA

After breakfast, transfer to the intercity coach station for the spectacular ride across the Andean Range to the wine growing region of Mendoza. Transfer to your selected hotel in Mendoza. After a relaxing, you might choose to have your first sip of the local wine with your dinner.



Day 4
MENDOZA

After breakfast meet an oenologist to head a full day wine and gourmet tour. Depart to Mendoza's agricultural oasis and vitis two wineries, there you enjoy a wine tasting session. Enjoy your lunch when you are already familiarized with the local wines and its elaboration process. In the afternoon the oenologist will explain the technic of wine tasting and production, the importance of the cork in the bottle and the correct way to handle a glass in order to taste wine. In the evening visit two other wineries with wine tasting again. Return to your hotel and optional dinner at the well known "1884 Restaurant", owned by the famous chef cook Francis Mallmann.



Day 5
MENDOZA

Head for a half day sightseeing of Mendoza. This city founded in 1561 was totally destroyed by an earthquake 3 centuries later. Visit the modern city with its tree lined streets and its typical irrigation trenches. See the Independence Square, the financial district, the civic center, and the ruins of the church of San Francisco, which are the only vestige of the colonial architecture. Drive toward the city outskirts to see San Martin Park, located at the foothills of the Precordillera de los Andes. Enjoy a panoramic view from de la Gloria Hill.



Day 6
MENDOZA TO COLONIA DEL
SACRAMENTO

Fly today to Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires, and take a ferry to Uruguay's oldest, most historic city: Colonia del Sacramento. Check in to your charming hotel.



Day 7
COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

Enjoy a sightseeing on foot today of this historic city, Colonia del Sacramento - the oldest city of Uruguay. Founded in 1680 by the Portuguese, Colonia del Sacramento was later disputed by the Spanish settled on the opposite bank of the river at Buenos Aires. Today, Colonia enjoys a special status as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Head to one of the local wineries for a tour and some tastings.



Day 8 **BUENOS AIRES**

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 Abasto Plaza. Enjoy dinner and an impressive Tango Show (included).



Day 9 **BUENOS AIRES**

Sightseeing in this elegant city includes the Casa Rosada , the well-known stage for Evita Perón's plea, "Don't cry for me Argentina", as well as the history-laden Plaza de Mayo. The newly-rebuilt port area Puerto Madera with its restaurants and bars is a nice place to relax. The afternoon is free - opt to visit an Estancia with Lunch and Gaucho Show.



Day 10 **BUENOS AIRES TO IGUASSU FALLS**

Depart today for Iguazu/Iguassu. Upon your approach to Iguazu International Airport, your pilot might tip his wings to give you your first view of the magnificent Iguassu Falls and the surrounding natural park of Argentina, Brazil and Parag . Your bilingual SouthAmerica.travel Tour guide or representative escorts you to the selected hotel.



Day 11
IGUASSU FALLS

Today's full day excursion shows you the Falls from both sides . First, cross into Argentina for a walk above the falls, wider and more powerful than Niagara. A boat guides you to an island to get a close-up view of the Falls from below.

The mist of the Falls engulfs you on the Brazilian side, as you walk out onto a platform and into the *garganta do diabo*, the 'devil's throat'. Opt for the Macuco Safari - a boat ride under the Falls on the Brazilian side.



Day 12
FLIGHT TO RIO DE JANEIRO

Arrive in the cidade maravilhosa, Rio de Janeiro

. Welcoming you to the 'marvelous city' is your bilingual Southamerica.travel tour guide or representative who will escort you to your hotel.

The afternoon is free for a stroll, some shopping or relaxing on the beach or at your rooftop pool!

Meet your fellow travelers for a complementary *Rodizio*, an All-You-Can-Eat Brazilian Barbecue (included).



Day 13 RIO DE JANEIRO

The panoramic view from the top of the Sugar Loaf Mountain is the highlight of today's sightseeing tour. Board a funicular to reach the summit with its 360° spectrum of golden beaches, green forests and a thriving metropolis that has earned Rio de Janeiro the title of *the world's most beautiful city*. Sightseeing continues with a tour of Rio's historical past. Learn how Portugal's prince scandalously broke all family ties and declared himself Emperor of Brazil.

In the afternoon heat, everything slows down, and the *Cariocas* (as the people of Rio call themselves) head for the beach!



Day 14
RIO DE JANEIRO

Christ the Redeemer keeps an eye on Rio from an elevation of 710m (2340ft). Board the *tremzinho* (cogwheel railway) up to the top of Corcovado Mountain for a bird's eye view of the center of the city! This evening, depart for home or your onward journey.

© South America.travel 2013 . All rights reserved . www.SouthAmerica.travel