

## ARGENTINA - ROMANTIC ARGENTINA IN STYLE



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### DURATION

12 Days

### LOCATIONS

Argentina, Patagonia



## INTRODUCTION

Argentina is a great choice for a honeymoon destination. From the vibrant, cosmopolitan and seductive capital of Buenos Aires to the picturesque high altitude vineyards, the stunning landscapes of Patagonia and the incredible force of the Iguazu Falls - this is a country of contrasts. Argentina boasts some of the most beautiful and romantic hotels found anywhere in the world, allowing you to relax in comfort as you indulge in excellent Argentinian cuisine accompanied by world-class wines. Let us help you put together your trip of a lifetime.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Buenos Aires

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office.



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### DAY 2: Buenos Aires City Tour

This morning (or afternoon if you prefer) you will be collected by a local guide and a driver for a tour of Buenos Aires. The guide will take you on and off the beaten track in this lively and beautiful city. You will have a car at your disposal, but we recommend getting out and walking for some of the tour. Obviously the tour will take in the main highlights, but we would prefer to tailor the trip to your liking. It could be that you want to see more of the main sites, or it could be that you wish to stroll amongst the small local boutiques of Palermo or the Parisienne buildings of Recoleta. Duration: 5 hrs.



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### DAY 3: Free day in Buenos Aires

Today is free to enjoy the sights and sounds of this world famous city. Why not enjoy a day trip over the River Plate to the beautiful city of Colonia with its UNESCO World Heritage Listed historic centre, perhaps wander the streets of San Telmo antiques district (home to the famous Sunday markets), enjoy some of the world class shopping or soak up some of Buenos Aires' Parisian atmosphere.



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### DAY 4: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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### DAY 4: Arrival transfer in El Calafate

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### DAY 5: El Calafate - Perito Moreno

This morning we venture into Los Glaciares National Park to see the world famous Perito Moreno Glacier. The glacier front extends for more than 5 kilometres and the glacier towers 60 metres above the level of Lago Argentino. This glacier is one of the very few in the world that continues to advance. If you are lucky you may see the glacier 'calving'. On route to the glacier we stop at the pier for a short boat trip to the south wall of the glacier. From the water level you get an amazing feel for the sheer size of this remarkable glacier- a true highlight of Patagonia. A large visitor centre at the site features a walking circuit which allows both the faces, and the surface of the glacier to be seen. After visiting the park we return to Calafate by bus. Includes National Park entrance fees and additional 1 hour navigation to the south wall.



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### DAY 6: Transfer to Cruise Ship Pier

This morning you will be transferred from your hotel to the pier to board the ship which will take you to explore Lake Argentino and the glaciers.



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### DAY 6: Full Day Gourmet Glacier Cruise

The Leal cruise ship explores Lake Argentino, visiting the Spegazzini and Upsala glaciers (at present blocked by a barrier of ice floes). Walls over 50 metres high, deep blue millenary ice and stunning icebergs are the perfect setting to enjoy nature in all its glory. This full day trip on board the Crucero Leal is perfect for those who would like to visit Parque Nacional Los Glaciares in a more exclusive, intimate way, with customized attention and excellent service. In the afternoon, the Crucero Leal arrives at Puerto de Las Vacas (an extremely quiet bay in the Canal Spegazzini), where its engines will be stopped to let passengers take a walk coordinated by our team of guides. Once everyone is back on board, the ship will return through Brazo Norte, arriving at the boarding dock La Soledad at 6:00pm Essential Info: Daily departures. Includes gourmet lunch on-board with alcoholic and soft drinks included. On-board activities conducted by a bilingual guide (English / Spanish).



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### DAY 7: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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### DAY 7: Arrival transfer in Mendoza

On arrival into Mendoza, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Chacras de Coria.



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## DAY 7: Mendoza

Mendoza, in a region of foothills and high plains, is the heart of Argentina's wine country, famed for Malbecs and other red wines. The city has wide, leafy avenues, atmospheric plazas and cosmopolitan cafes. The city has five central plazas, the four smaller plazas surrounding the main Plaza Independencia.



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### DAY 8: Full Day Valle de Uco Wineries with lunch

This high-end tour is designed for you to enjoy an excellent day of winery visits and wine tasting with a select group of up to 8 people. The mountains and the beautiful scenery of the Valle de Uco prepare our senses for the distinctive flavours and aromas of these high altitude wines. **Domaine Bousquet:** The Bousquet family, who hail from the southern French city of Carcassonne, have a long history of winemaking. In the constant struggle to produce wines of a superior quality, Jean Bousquet was determined to find the best place to continue the family's decades-long tradition. In 1990 he first arrived in Mendoza to investigate the vineyards and wineries. On discovering the unique characteristics of the region from the soil to the high altitude and the terroir, he was convinced he had found the ideal location for his winery. The main objective of **Domaine Bousquet** is to combine the European elegance in winemaking style with the perfect cool climate and terroir of the Uco Valley in Argentina. **Andeluna** began in 2003 with the aim of making some of the best quality wine in Argentina. **Andeluna** symbolizes the romanticism and inheritance of the Valley of Tupungato where the moon illuminates the magnificent Andes Mountains. On this visit, you will get to know the vines and the methods of winemaking that make their wines so special. **Andeluna** is the ideal place to learn about this region. Surrounded by an impressive landscape at the foot of the Tupungato Volcano you will enjoy these prestigious wines and an exquisite gourmet lunch. **Salentein:** The land that now belongs to Salentein is proof of the innumerable feats that had to be overcome here; a place where will and determination were transmitted from generation to generation, from the indigenous peoples to the Jesuit missionaries and even important characters such as General San Martin. **San Pablo Finca**, one of the properties of the winery, has a rich history dating back to the 17th century. Back then, it formed a part of a farm called "De Arriba" which belonged to the Jesuit missionaries. At more than 1500 metres above sea level, in the heart of the vineyard, lie the ruins of the "Casa Grande." During the visit to Salentein, you will taste 3 of Salentein's great wines, and end the tour in their art gallery, which is one of its kind in Mendoza. **Notes:** Includes visit and wine tasting in Salentein, **Domaine Bousquet** and a visit and gourmet lunch in **Andeluna**: 6 courses, paired with excellent wines. Includes lunch.



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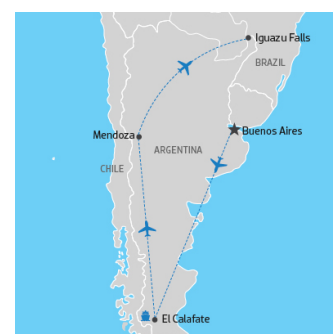
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### DAY 9: Mendoza Free Day

Today is a free day to enjoy Mendoza and the surroundings.



### DAY 10: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your outward flight from Mendoza.



### DAY 10: Arrival Transfer in Iguazu

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### DAY 10: Iguazu Falls

The spectacular Iguazu Falls that straddle the Argentine-Brazil border, are made up of 275 individual waterfalls lining a 2.7km wide horseshoe-shaped gorge. The Falls are located where the Iguazu River cascades over the edge of the Paraná Plateau. The Falls can be viewed from both the Argentinian and the Brazilian sides, the Brazilian side offering a broader, panoramic view, with the Argentinian side offering a series of catwalks that allow you to experience the Falls from close range.



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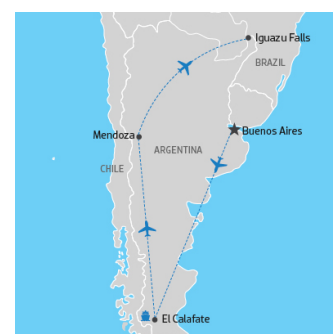
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### DAY 10: Iguazu Argentinian Falls

Early morning pick up from your hotel for your full day of exploring the Argentine side of the falls. This tour always starts early in order to beat the crowds and get the first train to the Devil's Throat. There are walkways over the islands which take you to a balcony over the falls and the most spectacular view of the entire Devil's Gorge. You will then have plenty of time to walk the 800 metres of paths on the upper circuit. These new suspended walkways are detached from the jungle surface so as to protect the fauna by preventing disruption of the natural trails. From this circuit you have a higher sight of the falls, providing you with a magnificent panoramic view. It takes around one hour to cover the upper circuit. The lower circuit contains 600 metres of walkways, also detached from the jungle floor, and has great views from below and around the falls. Once you have finished all the circuits, return to the visitor centre where your vehicles will be waiting to transfer you back to your hotel. Please note there is some degree of difficulty as the path includes many stairs, particularly on the lower circuit. National Park fee is included. On completion of the tour, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is small group tour.



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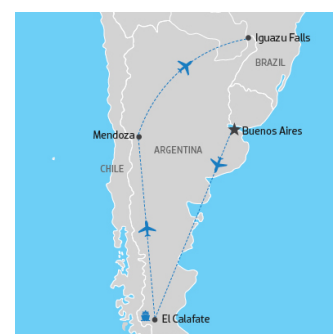
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### DAY 11: Iguazu Half Day Brazilian Falls

Today enjoy a half day tour of the Brazilian side of the falls. If you are staying on the Argentine side of the falls, you will require to bring your passport with your Brazilian visa. Visas cannot be obtained at the border. You will be collected from your hotel and taken to the Visitors Centre. From here board one of the Park Authority's tourist buses and enter the National Park. Equipped with panoramic windows, the buses are designed to maximize your views of the falls, while the walkways and steps provide you with great panoramic views of the Argentinian side of the falls. Views of the Florian Falls, the Devil's Gorge Canyon and the Iguazu River are spectacular and are guaranteed to impress. National Park Fee included.





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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Deluxe
Inclusions	Accommodation with breakfast everyday Airport transfers Tours as stated on the itinerary Domestic air tickets Meals as per the itinerary
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	This program has been specially designed for couples. If you are a single traveller contact us to get a customized quote for your trip.
Notes	*Please note the visit to the Argentinean side of the Iguazu falls will be on your own. Sheraton Hotel is located inside the Iguazú National Park with spectacular views of the Iguazú Falls and within walking distance from the falls, therefore no guide is need. Entrance fee to the National park Entrance is included on the advertised price. Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.

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2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.

3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.

4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.

5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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