

ARGENTINA - MENDOZA WINE EXPERIENCE



INTRODUCTION

When it comes to Argentinian wine most people are familiar with Malbec, which the country has adopted as its national grape. There’s a whole lot more to Argentina than Malbec though, starting with Bonarda, a grape that is often used for blending, but is starting to show up on American shelves as a varietal wine. If you are a wine lover and want to learn more about Argentinean wines we invite you to enjoy this 4 day journey into Mendoza wine valleys.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Mendoza


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



DAY 1: Mendoza

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DAY 2: City Tour Chacras de Coria

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DAY 3: 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 the 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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DAY 4: 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.




INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Luxury
Inclusions	Luxury accommodation with breakfast everyday Tours and transfers as stated on the itinerary Meals and wine tasting as specified on the itinerary
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	FROM US\$1,260 - Subject to season and availability, contact us for more details.
Notes	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.
- 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

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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.

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