

## ARGENTINA - THE WINE TRAIL



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### DURATION

6 Days

### LOCATIONS

Argentina, Chile



## INTRODUCTION

New World wines are increasingly popular and this itinerary gives you a chance to explore the winemaking heartland of South America's best known wine exporters, Chile and Argentina. Discover the incredible wines of Chile and Argentina with wine tasting at various vineyards. It also happens to encompass an awe-inspiring journey from the Pacific coast to Mendoza, Argentina's capital of wine production.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Santiago

On arrival at Santiago Airport, please make your way through Customs and Immigration and only exit from the green doors marked 'Meeting Point'. Our representative will be holding a sign with your name on it and waiting for you outside this exit. Please only make contact with our representative. This service includes a driver and local English speaking guide who will provide you with any useful information needed for your stay.



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### DAY 1: Santiago de Chile

Santiago, Chile's capital and largest city, lies in a valley surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Andes and the Chilean Coastal Range. Founded in 1541, Santiago has been Chile's capital since colonial times. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city and although it features many colonial buildings, it has grown into a modern metropolis and the cultural centre of the country.



### DAY 2: Vinolia Wine Adventure

This evening experience the secrets of Chilean wine without leaving Santiago at Vinolia. Learn about aromas, wines and vineyards through the sensory exploration room and in an exclusive cinema room where you will travel through Chilean geography and it's wine valleys.



### DAY 3: Half Day Maipo Valley with Tasting Tour

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to head to Maipo Valley, Chile's oldest and most famous wine producing area. Just south of Santiago, this is predominately red-wine country, with cabernet sauvignon the most celebrated and widely planted variety. Our expert guide takes us to one of the most famous vineyards, Concha y Toro winery, producing excellent wines from the noblest French vines. After the visit you will finish with a wine tasting and will be able to buy more wines if you want. On completion of your tour you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this tour is small group tour.



### DAY 4: Transfer to the Bus Station for onward destination

Transfer from your hotel to the bus station for your onward journey.



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## DAY 4: Bus Santiago - Mendoza (Argentina)

Travel by bus from Santiago to Mendoza in Argentina. This is a spectacular journey through the Andes taking around 6 hours. If you are lucky to have a clear day you may catch a glimpse of Aconcagua the highest peak in the Andes.



## DAY 4: Arrival transfer in Mendoza

On arrival, please make your way through the station arrivals hall where our representative will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please note this service is with driver only. .



## DAY 4: 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 5: Lujan de Cuyo Wineries with lunch

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for your full day tour of the Lujan De Cuyo Wineries. This high-end tour is designed for you to enjoy an excellent day of wine with a select group of up to 8 people. Luján de Cuyo is the heartland of the Malbec grape, and this tour lets you experience this amazing variety as well as other tremendous wines of the region. Bodega Achaval-Ferrer. In recent years Achaval-Ferrer has represented Mendoza in Wine Spectator's list of Top 100 wines with various Malbecs. The winery, cosy and modern, is located at the edge of the Mendoza River amongst vineyards almost 100 years old. Their peculiar winemaking methods and business philosophy makes for a dynamic and interesting visit followed by tastings of premium wines. Bodega Casarena. Located in a completely restored centenary building, Casarena winery opened its doors to teach about their wines and vineyards. During the visit to this winery, guests taste wines from all of the different stages of winemaking - fermentation, oak barrels, and finally the wines from labelled bottles. Casarena invites their guests to experience the differences in aromas and flavours of the wine during its production, demonstrating how the wines evolve during the winemaking process. Bodega Dominio del Plata. In 1999, after 30 years advising companies in the wine sector, Susana Balbo decided to undertake her dream of having a winery herself, beginning the construction of Dominio del Plata in the heart of Lujan de Cuyo. Equipped with modern technology, Dominio del Plata is characterized by a unique and simple design, intended for producing premium wines. Dominio del Plata offers the possibility to discover the typical varieties of Argentina through thematic tastings focused on discovering the potential of each one. Notes: Includes gourmet lunch: 5 courses, paired with 5 wines at the restaurant Osadía de Crear at Dominio del Plata Winery (or similar). Mineral water on board. Wineries subject to change without warning.



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DAY 6: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to your onward flight from Mendoza. Please note this service is with driver only.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotels
Inclusions	4 nights accommodation in a standard double room. Transfers and excursions in private or regular basis as specified in itinerary. Meals as detailed in the program. No flights included. Tour ends at Mendoza airport.
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	From US \$980 subject to season and availability.
Notes	Please note the journey by overland from Santiago Mendoza does not operate during the winter months due to snow and ice conditions and we recommend that this journey is undertaken by air. 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

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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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