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TRIP DETAILS

7 days / 6 nts - Argentina

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Trip Ref 2879

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Buenos Aires

Uco Valley

Central Valleys of Mendoza & Biking & Wineries

PRICES FROM \$3,234



The Vineyards Explorer

A journey to explore the country and its outstanding wines. In cosmopolitan Buenos Aires soak in history and the wine scene. Fly to the province of Mendoza, into the diverse oasis of winemaking: the Central Valleys and the high terroirs of the Uco Valley. The incredible Andean landscape will be an amazing frame during our entire stay. Lodge at exclusive countryside retreats. Cycle and ride on horseback through the vineyards. Dine at Argentina's most renowned chefs' own private venues, and state-of-the-art wineries. Lay back and enjoy the landscape of this marvelous land at the foothill of the Andes.



Day 1: Arrival in Buenos Aires

We will be waiting for you at Buenos Aires Airport. Transfer to your central hotel. A brief orientation meeting will be held at the hotel to meet your guide and review the itinerary before setting out on an afternoon tour of the city's historic neighborhoods. In the late afternoon, we make a stop at one of the city's finest wine bars and get acquainted with the superb Argentine Malbecs. Get ready for an evening of music & dance at one of Buenos Aires' most authentic tango venues. (Dinner included)

Day 2: Buenos Aires - Recolecta

Morning visit to the traditional Recoleta neighborhood, with its sparkling cafes & restaurants. Later on, bike ride of the Buenos Aires Ecological reservation. Our ride ends by the city's modern waterfront, where we will have lunch at one of the great steak houses of Buenos Aires. The rest of the day is yours to walk this amazing city, its museums and parks. (Breakfast and lunch included)

Biking: 2.30 hours. Terrain: flat - mostly on paved roads

Day 3: Buenos Aires - Mendoza (Uco Valley)

Morning transfer to Buenos Aires domestic airport to board an early flight to Mendoza, center of Argentina's wine making. Transfer to Uco Valley and lodge at the exclusive Posada at Salentein Winery. Lunch at Kilka, the Bodega's Restaurant and Art Space. Afternoon visit to the Salentein Winery, and your choice of horseback riding through the Andean foothills, cycling at the vineyards, or just or relax at the lodge, enjoying superb views of the Tupungato Massif (6,820 mts). (All meals included)



Day 4: Uco Valley - Visit to wineries and different outdoor possibilities

Morning bike to one of the valley's finest wineries: Clos de los Siete, a joint wine adventure initiated a few years back by the world famous french winemaker Michel Rolland. Enjoy a typical Argentine *asado* (barbecue) delicious *empanadas* (meat pies) and the Bodega's exquisite blend, while you gaze at the magnificent Andes in the background. Afternoon bike to La Azul, a small boutique producer of outstanding Malbecs. (All meals included)

Total biking distance: 30 - 48 km. Terrain: flat - mostly on paved roads

Day 5: Central Valleys of Mendoza – Biking & Wineries



Morning transfer north, to the province's central valleys. Bike on secondary roads to Catena Zapata Winery. Again on our bikes to Ruca Malen for lunch at the winery. Afternoon meeting with Mr. Carmelo Patti, one of Argentina's most renowned enologists, who will share his wine making secrets through some barrel tasting of his artisan wines. Lodge at Club Tapiz. Located in an estate built in 1890 and surrounded by ten hectares of vineyards, the house was restored preserving its Renaissance-style Villa structure and maintaining vintage elements. (Breakfast & lunch included)

Notes:

1- Depending on the time of the year, this activity could be replaced by a visit to Familia Bonfanti boutique vineyards.

2- Dinner on your own, with several options : A transfer to central part of town will be provided for those who want a hint of the city. Those

who prefer to stay at the lodge can opt to enjoy Terruño, the lodge's superb restaurant)

Day 6: Central Valleys of Mendoza – Biking & wineries

Morning biking to award-winning winery Achaval Ferrer. Only a few years in the market, its wines consistently receive 90+ punctuations in Wine Spectator. During today's lunch we sample the local delicatessen at Almacen del Sur. Afternoon leisure at the lodge. Evening visit to central Mendoza, and farewell dinner at 1884, where Chef Francis Mallman blends the finest culinary traditions of France and South America. (All meals included)



Day 7: Mendoza - Fly out from Buenos Aires

Morning transfer to Mendoza airport to board flight back to Buenos Aires. Transfer from the domestic to international airport to board flight home or transfer to central hotel. (Breakfast included)

Price per person : (Valid until April 30th 2009)		
	2-3 pax / per person	4 + pax/ per person
Superior Blend: per person	USD \$3,289	USD \$2,889
Single supplement:	USD \$780	USD \$780
Deluxe Blend: per person	USD \$3,484	USD \$3,083
Single supplement:	USD \$920	USD \$920

Includes:

- All accommodations in deluxe to superior Hotel, charming country inns, and Wine estates
- Most Meals , as described in the detailed itinerary
- Private transportation in all locations
- Private, expert local guides all through the itinerary (English- Spanish).
- Wine expert guides / during Wine Tasting activities.
- Wine Tasting & Outdoor Activities as described,
- Top quality 24 gear, aluminum, hybrid bikes.
- Maps
- Water Bottles / Snacks during outdoor activities & shuttle time

Not Included:

- Wines and other alcoholic beverages during meals, except during picnics (included).
- Insurance of any kind.
- International and Domestic flights, airport taxes

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