



Signature Buenos Aires & Mendoza Vineyards

"ARGENTINA Taste the famed Mendoza wines including the Malbec found only in the new world. "

Trip Information:

Trip Start: Buenos Aires, Argentina
Arrival: Apr 1, 2011
Duration: 7 days (6 nights)
Trip End: Buenos Aires, Argentina
Group Size: 2 people

Quote #: 101019Doe2-124683 (expired - contact us for updated quote)

Description:

Arrive Buenos Aires "The Paris of the Americas" and spend 3 days exploring this incredible city. Grab a hold of history and culture and embark on a panoramic city tour. Discover the origins of Polo and how the game is played; even learn about the horse selection process. Taste scrumptious cuisines from a traditional BBQ and immerse yourself in the seductive Tango (dinner show & lessons included!). Fly to Mendoza and enjoy an in depth tour of the land of sun and great wine with your own driver, and private guide. Mendoza lies west of Buenos Aires, near the border with Chile. Dominating the landscape are the Andes, climbing steeply into the sky on the western horizon. Snow covered all year, this cordillera reaches more than 6,100 meters (20,000 feet) in elevation and includes Mt. Aconcagua, the tallest peak in the western hemisphere. In addition to providing a spectacular backdrop to the local vineyards, these mountains govern the climate for the valleys below and provide abundant snowmelt water to the vineyards. While Mendoza remains a desert today, parts of the area were turned into an oasis 700 years ago by the ingenious diversion of mountain-fed rivers through irrigation canals. Today, as proof of the old French saying that great wines are grown near great rivers, most vineyards in Mendoza spread across the valleys and rise into the foothills never far from the region's snowmelt streams. Prominent grape varieties include: malbec, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, syrah, pinot noir, bonarda, tempranillo, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, chenin blanc and torrontés. These wines can be savoured during this in depth private tour of the Uco Valley and Luján de Cuyo wine region. Mendoza indulges the senses of Smell, Sight & Taste. From the aromas of the vineyards to breathtaking views of the Andes and succulent steak dinners paired with the best wines, this tour is sure to impress!



Itinerary Summary

Day	Activities	Hotel
Day 1: Fri, Apr 01 2011 <u>Buenos Aires</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer - Private - Airport (International) - Vehicle/Guide/Driver Kensington Cares - 2 NOTE: Reciprocity Tax (Not Included) Private - 1/2 d Panoramic City Tour - Vehicle/Guide/Driver Dinner (not included) 	<u>Sofitel - Recoleta</u> Superior (B) 1 DBL (2 Adults)
Day 2: Sat, Apr 02 2011 <u>Buenos Aires</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch (not included) Private - Tango Lesson - El Viejo Almacén - Private Transfer/Lesson Tango Show & Dinner at Rojo Tango - Entrance/Vehicle/Private Transfers 	<u>Sofitel - Recoleta</u> Superior (B) 1 DBL (2 Adults)

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Day 3: Sun, Apr 03 2011 <u>Buenos Aires</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared - Polo Day (with Lunch) - Bus/Guide • Dinner (not included) 	<u>Sofitel - Recoleta</u> Superior (B) 1 DBL (2 Adults)
Day 4: Mon, Apr 04 2011 <u>Buenos Aires - Mendoza</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air - Buenos Aires - Mendoza [Direct - (2 hrs)] - Economy • Transfer - Private - Airport - Vehicle/Guide/Driver • Lunch (not included) • Private - 1/2 d Panoramic City Tour - Vehicle/Guide/Driver • Dinner (not included) 	<u>Sheraton Mendoza Hotel</u> Classic (B) 1 DBL (2 Adults)
Day 5: Tue, Apr 05 2011 <u>Mendoza</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private - Exclusive Uco Valley Wineries Tour (with Lunch) - Vehicle/Guide/Driver • Dinner (not included) 	<u>Sheraton Mendoza Hotel</u> Classic (B) 1 DBL (2 Adults)
		Alt: (None)
Day 6: Wed, Apr 06 2011 <u>Mendoza</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private - Exclusive Luján de Cuyo Wineries Tour (with Lunch) - Vehicle/Guide/Driver • Dinner (not included) 	<u>Sheraton Mendoza Hotel</u> Classic (B) 1 DBL (2 Adults)
		Alt: (None)
Day 7: Thu, Apr 07 2011 <u>Mendoza - Buenos Aires</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer - Private - Airport - Vehicle/Guide/Driver • Air - Mendoza - Buenos Aires [Direct - AR2405N (2 hrs)] - Economy 	<u>Depart (Int'l Airport)</u>

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, 1/2d = Half Day, AI = All Inclusive

Customizable Trip Options

All of our itineraries may be customized as you wish, add extra days, change a hotel, see different sights. Contact one of our expert consultants for your free, no-obligation vacation plan.

Locations	Day-by-Day Itinerary
<p>ARGENTINA</p> <p>Argentina is the second largest country in South America. located between the Andes mountain range in the west and the Atlantic Ocean in the east. European explorers arrived in 1516. Military campaigns led by General José de San Martín between 1814 and 1817 made independence increasingly a reality. A wave of foreign investment and immigration from Europe after 1870 led to the development of modern agriculture and to a near-reinvention of Argentine society and the economy. The country was neutral during World War II. Political change led to the presidency of Juan Perón in 1946, who worked to empower the working class. Perón's wife, Eva Perón (better known as "Evita") played an important role as first lady. Following a transitional period in 2002 when there was a sharp devaluation in the peso, the country has regained its</p>	<p>Day 1: Fri, Apr 01 2011 - Buenos Aires</p> <p>Enjoy a private airport (International) transfer in Buenos Aires with professional driver and English speaking Guide. Bottle of water included</p> <p>Kensington Tours donates a portion of proceeds to our charitable initiative www.kensingtoncares.com which supports education-based initiatives in disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>Please Note: Effective 31OCT2012 for international flights arriving into Buenos Aires AEP, and effective 28DEC2012 for international flights arriving into Buenos Aires EZE, the process for paying the reciprocity fee must be done prior to arrival, online, at the following websites - www.migraciones.gov.ar or www.provinciapagos.com.ar</p> <p>Subject to change without notice.</p> <p>Buenos Aires is where it all happens, and we want you to immerse yourself in its beauty, history, and sheer radiance. Enjoy a private guided, half-day panoramic tour, discovering the rich parks and open spaces of the Northern Neighborhood and the eye-catching buildings and grounds of Palermo and Recoleta, in the comfort of a private vehicle. After being picked up from your hotel, you'll be driven to the</p>
	 <p>Buenos Aires</p>  <p>Kensington Cares</p>

footing. Argentina is a focus of increasing tourism centered in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires. Notable attractions include the Iguazu Falls, Mendoza vineyards, Bariloche mountain resorts, Patagonia glaciers and hiking, and Ushuaia on the tip of the continent.

Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the capital and largest city of Argentina, located on the southern shore of the Río de la Plata. The city has a spectacular legacy of architecture and parks, and its citizens consider themselves European. It is famous for the tango, superb restaurants, and the best shopping on the continent. The city has numerous museums related to history, and art in its many forms; fine, modern, decorative, popular, sacred and arts and crafts, as well as theatre and popular music. It is also known for its preserved homes of noted art collectors, writers, composers and artists.

Mendoza

Mendoza is the capital city of Mendoza Province, in Argentina. It is located in the northern-central part of the province, in a region of foothills and high plains, on the eastern side of the Andes, with population of 111,000. A major road between Argentina and Chile runs through Mendoza and the city is a frequent stopover for climbers on their way to climb Aconcagua (the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere) or for other mountaineering, hiking, horseback riding, rafting, and other sports. In the winter, skiers come to the city for its easy access to the Andes.

Obelisk; a distinct symbol of the city. After that, you will visit different squares such as Plaza de Mayo, Plaza San Martín, Plaza del Congreso and some of the main avenues such as Corrientes, de Mayo, and 9 de Julio. Enjoy views in the historical neighborhoods of La Boca, San Telmo, Montserrat and the elegant neighborhoods of Palermo, Recoleta, and the modern Puerto Madero. Breathe in the fresh air as you pass through parks such as Lezama, Tres de Febrero and the Ecological Reserve. En route you will also get to visit financial and commercial areas and Soccer Stadiums. At the end of your tour you will be dropped back at your hotel.

Accommodation: Sofitel - Recoleta

Sofitel Buenos Aires is considered one of the finest hotels in the city, it is a testament to hospitality and style. The 144 rooms are decked in rich textiles, and carefully planned color schemes set the atmosphere of delicious Argentinean and international taste at their best. The hotel is located in Recoleta, an exclusive area of the city, with plenty of sights and eateries nearby. However, you may well opt to dine in the hotel restaurant and bask in the flavors and surprises that the chefs successfully explore. If you can tear yourself away from this haven, be sure to watch a tango show and visit the numerous art galleries nearby.



La Boca



Sofitel Buenos Aires

Day 2: Sat, Apr 02 2011 - Buenos Aires

Enjoy private Tango lessons at El Viejo Almacén, located in the historical district of San Telmo. El Viejo Almacén is the most traditional tango place of Buenos Aires, this classic colonial building opened its doors as the traditional tango house in 1969. Its founder Edmundo Rivero, one of the most well known and respected interpreters in this genre. The magic of the place guarantees an unforgettable tango experience at El Viejo Almacén. Participate in private individual or group tango classes directed by prestigious tango choreographers.

Private pick-up from your hotel for a night of Tango like no other at Rojo Tango!

"Rojo Tango" is an invitation to live and feel the tango intensely. It is an embracing and sophisticated show to experience the pleasure of the tango up to its most minimum details, its harmonic melodies, its rhythm and the feelings and colors coming to live in the dance. Witness a professional performance, offered to a reduced audience. Rojo Tango show takes care of every little detail so that you can experience the essence of Tango. Dancers wear unique costumes, a result of thorough research and an updated innovation in fabrics, embroideries and colors. The hairdos are visually important and match every detail of the costumes and dance. The special lighting enhances the dance's different nuances. Enjoy a fantastic dinner as you see the show. Return to your hotel afterwards.

Accommodation: Sofitel - Recoleta



Tango Dancers



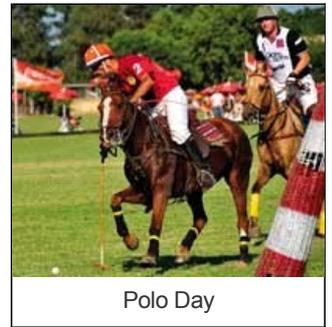
Tango Dancers

Day 3: Sun, Apr 03 2011 - Buenos Aires

Spend a day in the countryside, watch polo where it's played best and enjoy excellent local cuisine. Polo Day is an ideal program for those looking to learn some of the secrets of one of the most traditional and unique sports Argentina has to offer. It includes an introduction to the Polo Pony. A horse trainer will explain how the polo ponies are chosen for the sport, their bloodlines, and how they are trained. Visitors can also watch practice drills and learn about what it takes to train a great polo pony. Enjoy an unforgettable Argentine asado (bbq) with select Argentine beef and Argentine wine. Learn about the fundamentals of polo and its history. Watch a polo exhibition match and see this intricate and fast-paced game happen in front of you. Bilingual commentators do a great job of explaining the fundamentals of the match to guests. Additionally, you may enjoy a horseback ride through the countryside!

(Option to substitute a visit to a local Estancia)

Accommodation: Sofitel - Recoleta



Polo Day

Day 4: Mon, Apr 04 2011 - Buenos Aires - Mendoza

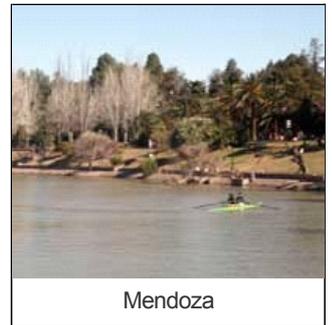
Fly from Buenos Aires to Mendoza. Flight subject to changes based on availability. The flight duration is approximately 2 hour.

Enjoy a private airport transfer with private vehicle, driver and English speaking guide .

Enjoy a private panoramic city tour of Mendoza with your own vehicle, driver and English speaking Guide. Travel through city streets, mixing in the history and culture of the people who transformed this desert into a thriving oasis. Begin the tour at the historical site, where in 1561 Don Pedro del Castillo founded the city; The Plaza and the Museo del Área Fundacional (including the Jesuit ruins). Continue on to the main square, which is surrounded by the Cathedral and the Basilica of St. Francis. Visit both Independencia and Spain Plaza and later journey to the prestigious Emilio Civit street; a residential area that leads to General San Martin Park. This well known park is over 370 hectares in size and is considered the heart of the city. Enter through the famous gates, the horses of Marly, Rosedal and Lake until we reach the Cerro de la Gloria, where the Monument to San Martín and his army is located. Finish up the tour with a visit to Challao. The Virgin of Lourdes alongside spectacular views of the Mendocinian Mountains will leave a lasting impression of this beautiful city.

Accommodation: Sheraton Mendoza Hotel

Located in the heart of Mendoza City in the foothills of the Andes, the brand new Sheraton Mendoza Hotel is ideally located for exploring one of Argentina's most popular tourist destinations. Whether you're interested in quiet pursuits-like sampling the region's famous wines- or more adrenaline-fuelled adventures such as skiing, hiking, and mountain climbing, you'll feel at home at the end of each day in their 180 comfortable and classic guest rooms.



Mendoza



Panoramic view of Mendoza



Sheraton Mendoza Hotel
Lobby

Day 5: Tue, Apr 05 2011 - Mendoza

Approximately 60 minutes south of the city of Mendoza, the Uco Valley encompasses the highest altitude Argentine vineyards (averaging between 900 and 1200 meters above sea level). Known especially for Malbec, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Semillon, and Torrontes production. Its striking natural setting - below a stretch of the Andes that includes the 6,800 meter Mount Tupungato. The valley's dry weather and the wide thermal amplitude between day and night have created its distinctive microclimates that result in wines that are rich in color and ideal for aging. Enjoy the unspoiled beauty of the Andes as you are swept up in the tradition of the Old World and the excitement of the New World. Discover the unique characteristics of Tupungato's terroir and the secrets of more than 125 years of winemaking tradition.



Uco Valley Wineries

Andeluna Cellars winery and vineyard is located in the Andes Foothills. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, the classic architecture of the winery is surrounded by prime vineyards and magnificent views of the Andes Mountains. These beautiful surroundings create the perfect atmosphere to enjoy award winning wines.

Continue to Bodega Salentein where grand productions meet high style. Designed for both form and function in the shape of a cross. The Bodega's two levels allow wine to flow from the tanks to the barrels by a traditional gravity transfer system. The four wings converge in a circular central chamber, which resembles an amphitheatre and was inspired by ancient classical temples.

Enjoy lunch at either Salentein or Andeluna winery (to be confirmed upon booking, depending on availability)

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Day 6: Wed, Apr 06 2011 - Mendoza

Enjoy a full day exclusive tour to three of the most important wineries of the region, Bodega Catena Zapata, Ruca Malen Winery and Belasco de Baquedano Winery.

Bodega Catena Zapata is widely recognized for its revolutionary owner and wine-maker Nicolás Catena. He is known for introducing to the international wine community the true potential and quality of the Mendoza terrain. Argentina produces world-class wines, thanks to the Malbec grape in general and the wines of Nicolás Catena in particular.



Ruca Malen

Continue on a private visit to Bodega Ruca Malen, exclusively focused on making wines of excellence, based on their knowledge and above all, their passion for winemaking. The bodega visit will take you from the vineyards and sorting machines to the fermentation and aging rooms, offering an intimate glimpse into the wine making process from grape to bottle.

For a broader knowledge of the different aromas found in wine enjoy a tour of Belasco de Baquedano Winery and experience its great "hall of aromas", which tells you about the different types of aromas existing in wine: primary aromas (those that characterize the grape variety), secondary aromas (the ones released during fermentation and its transformation into wine) and tertiary aromas (produced through aging in barrel and/or bottle).

Enjoy a delicious lunch at either Ruca Malen or Belasco de Baquedano Winery, the choice is yours.

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Day 7: Thu, Apr 07 2011 - Mendoza - Buenos Aires

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Accommodation: Depart (Int'l Airport)

Travel Tips

ARGENTINA

VISA/PASSPORT

A valid passport is required for both Canadian and U.S. citizens to enter Argentina. U.S. and Canadian citizens do not need a visa for visits of up to 90 days for tourism or business. American citizens wishing to enter Brazil from Argentina are required to obtain a visa in advance from the Brazilian Embassy or consulate nearest to the traveler's place of residence. The U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires cannot assist travelers with obtaining Brazilian visas.

Please note obtaining a visa is your responsibility. These requirements change often and therefore it is best that you check with the Embassy of Argentina for the most up to date visa information.

HEALTH

Health insurance is required. Medical facilities are poor quality and not widespread. We recommend that you see a health-care provider who specializes in Travel Medicine. The doctor or health-care provider will determine what vaccinations and medication you will need, depending on factors such as your health and immunization history, areas of the country you will be visiting, and planned activities. For more information on travel requirements, visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website: <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/ar>

COUNTRY INFO

Capital: Buenos Aires.

Government: Federal and Democratic Republic. Gained independence from Spain in 1816.

Language: Spanish is the official language. English is widely spoken with some French and German.

Religion: More than 90% Roman Catholic, 2% Protestant with small Muslim and Jewish communities.

Time: GMT - 3 (GMT - 2 from third Saturday in March to first Saturday in October).

Electricity: 220 volts AC, 60Hz. Plug fittings in older buildings are of the two-pin round type, but most new buildings use the v-shaped twin with a ground. Travelers should bring a world travel adaptor.

Telephone: Country code +54.

Mobile Telephone: Roaming agreements exist with some international mobile phone companies, but phones must be tri-band. Coverage is good in most parts of the country, but may be lacking in

Accommodation

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Room: Superior

This downtown Buenos Aires hotel accommodations use features of local culture to create a modern, warm, and welcoming environment. Member of The Leading Hotels of the World since 2004, this landmark building has 140 spacious rooms and suites fully equipped with wireless phones with coverage in all hotel areas, complimentary WI FI, BOSE audio system, DVD player, coffee making facilities, cordless HP printers and exercise kits and yoga mats to uplift the guests' experience.

Restaurant Amenities

Sofitel Restaurants

At Sofitel, we have transformed conviviality and comfort into an art form. Our restaurants and bars provide the perfect setting for relaxing and socializing and offer refined French cuisine with the latest in fusion dishes from around the world. Le Sud serves some of the worlds finest cuisine, our chef, Maitre Cuisinier de France, proposes the best of the Mediterranean cuisine with his inventive creations combining the recipes and flavors of Provence in a distinctive setting. Cafe Arroyo offers a real traditional Buenos Aires cafe. Enjoy coffee and croissants while reading the morning newspaper. The cafe offers sandwiches, light snacks and salads for lunch, afternoon tea and cocktails at night. WiFi is also available free of charge. La Bibliotheque offers a warm and cosy lounge that has a unique fireplace where you can relax while having a drink and enjoying our up-to-date collection of books on Argentina and France. WiFi is also available free of charge.

Recreation Amenities

Sofitel Activities

The modern fitness center features an indoor swimming pool, a hammam and cardio and kinesis machines in a relaxing atmosphere. The bar Cafe Arroyo offers wine bar ambiance in a pure retro style and next to it, La Bibliotheque, the perfect spot to relax and share a drink with friends or have a delicious high tea.



Sofitel Buenos Aires



Sofitel Bedroom



Sofitel Lobby



Sofitel Dining

remote and mountain areas. Internet: Available in most towns and cities in locutorios (phone centers) and internet cafes. Many estancias and rural areas are cut off from both internet and telephone access. Internet and Wi-Fi access are increasingly found in upper range hotels.

Sheraton Mendoza Hotel - Mendoza

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Room: Classic

Sheraton Mendoza offers 180 spacious guest rooms including Club Floor rooms, suites, and elegantly decorated Classic rooms, all with spectacular views of the Andes or the city. You will be able to enjoy incredible moments. All rooms are fully appointed and equipped with the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed, individually controlled air conditioning, 32" LCD TV, laptop-sized safety deposit boxes, High Speed Internet Access, double phone line, separate shower and bath and much more. Non-smoking rooms and rooms accessible to people with disabilities are available.

Restaurant Amenities

Sheraton Mendoza Hotel Restaurants

The restaurants and lounges at the Sheratom Mendoza Hotel are renowned in their local community. A wide variety of dining options allow international visitors to experience superior food and wine with an outstanding level of service. For your added convenience, room service is available 24 hours a day.

Recreation Amenities

Sheraton Mendoza Hotel Activities

The Guest Service Centre is available at all times to assist you in your daily activities, to book tours, or arrange reservations at any local attraction. Relax in the Sheraton's fully equipped Neptune Pool and Fitness Center, with indoor pool, steam and sauna baths, beauty parlors, a pool bar and more. It offers innovative facial and body treatments and massage therapies such as exfoliating treatments. Other features include hydro-massage, Jacuzzi, Sauna, steam baths, and a fully equipped, state-of-the-art gym and aerobics center.



Sheraton Mendoza Hotel
Exterior



Pool



Sheraton Mendoza Hotel
Dining

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The Fine Print

What's Included:

- Guaranteed departure - Accommodation, Activities, Transfers, Meals, Fees where indicated as per the itinerary - Local and international traveler assistance during your tour - Specialised and personalised services

What's not Included:

- Tips - Laundry - Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages unless explicitly noted - Optional activities/extras - Visas (unless noted) - Vacation insurance

Trip Terms & Conditions

- Your deposit is due immediately on booking (30% of program price, minimum \$350). The balance is due 90 days prior to departure.
- Cancellations of confirmed bookings 90 days or more prior to departure will receive full refund minus a \$350 (per person) administrative fee and any non-refundable paid fees (e.g. non-refundable airfare,

cruise or hotel deposits). 60-89 days will be subject to loss of 30% of program price. 30-59 days will be subject to loss of 50% of program price. 29 days or less will be subject to loss of 100% of program price.

- Tour quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip start point unless noted on the itinerary
- Cost increases in currency exchange, government fees, taxes, surcharges or hotel/lodge tariff increases between quote date and start date are payable by the client.
- Availability cannot be guaranteed until booked. We will exercise best efforts to book hotels per the itinerary, however, in busy seasons and with client bookings made within 90 days of tour date we may be forced to offer substitutes.
- Payment of the program price constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out at www.privateguided.com/terms-and-conditions
- Living Standards and practices at destination may differ from those in North America with respect to provisions of utilities, services and accommodation.