

PROGRAM 2 : BUENOS AIRES - MENDOZA - IGUAZU



Day 1. Arrivée à Buenos Aires

Meet and greet at Ezeiza airport by your English-speaking guide and transfer to your hotel located in the heart of Buenos Aires.

Free time

Dinner and Overnight at the Double Tree by Hilton 5* Hotel

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Day 2. Buenos Aires

Breakfast

Buenos Aires, the cosmopolitan capital of Argentina, is the intersection of Latin America and Europe; a collision of crops, food and energy. The city is either a destination in its own right or a must-stop for those on their way to the Mendoza wine region, the Iguazu Falls, or the wild landscapes of Patagonia. What is certain is that it attracts travelers from all over the world. Portrait of this city with its bewitching energy.

When you arrive in Buenos Aires, you may feel like you've landed in Paris, Barcelona or Budapest. The beer gardens are full of locals chatting over cappuccinos or wine, while the restaurants stay open well past midnight. The inhabitants here, due to the port location of the capital, are called Porteños, and they stay up late. Dinner is usually served after 9 p.m. The "merienda" is therefore de rigueur, it is the snack break, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Coffee, medialunas (small croissants) and empanadas are typical dishes during this snack. From the first steps in this city, it is obvious that Argentinians appreciate life, and coffee !

From 9:00 a.m. Guided tour of Buenos Aires.

Walking through the streets of the historic center of Buenos Aires with your local guide is a good way to get on the pulse of this city and learn about its history, between dramas and victories. Microcentro is the bustling business district and is home to many key sites: the Plasma de Mayo, the Casa Rosada, the Teatro Colon or the Metropolitan Cathedral of Buenos Aires where Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who became Pope under the name Francis, officiated. Not far away is the Recoleta, an upscale neighborhood characterized by beautiful apartments with wrought-iron balconies, shady streets, and dog walkers. For a concentration of cutting-edge shopping, chic restaurants and nightlife, head to Palermo. This neighborhood attracts a young and trendy crowd.

Palermo is also known for its very large and beautiful parks such as the Rosedal, a rose garden with a few thousand rose bushes, embellished with 26 busts of poets and writers, a bridge and a pergola.

Palermo is also home to the botanical park or the largest Japanese garden outside of Japan.

In the south of the city, San Telmo is the oldest neighborhood in Buenos Aires, renowned for its cobblestone streets and tango lounges. It's also where you'll find dancers performing at the popular open-air Sunday market. We'll end our tour in the most photogenic neighborhood of Buenos Aires: La Boca. Colorful buildings and other street performers, this neighborhood is also home to the La Bombonera stadium where the Argentine idol Diego Maradona played.

13h. Lunch at Estillo Campo restaurant to enjoy the best meat in the world !

One thing is certain, Buenos Aires is not the place to start a diet. This city offers specialties, each more gourmet than the last. Empanadas, small stuffed turnovers baked or fried. Their meats, especially beef, are known to be one of the most tender. Their pizzas, a legacy of Italian culture, with their dough more than 3 cm thick. Dulce de Leche, an essential delicacy made from milk and sugar. And many other gustatory temptations.

Return to the hotel around 15:00. Late afternoon free.

Overnight stay at the Double Tree by Hilton 5* hotel

From 20h. tango dinner at "Tango Porteno"

How can we talk about this city without talking about tango? This dance sets the rhythm in Buenos Aires. Milongas are traditional places where you can admire dancers full of grace and sensuality. The precision, intensity and beauty of this dance is unlike any other. Return to the hotel around 23h30.

Day 3. Buenos Aires - Mendoza La région du vin & de la gastronomie

Breakfast

Transfer to the airport to catch your flight to Mendoza. Welcome by your English-speaking guide and transfer to your hotel located in the heart of the city.



Lunch on your own

Dinner at restaurant



Overnight stay at the Amerian Hotel 4*

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*In the heart of the Argentine wine region, Mendoza is known and renowned for its **many vineyards** and its sunny climate. Every year, it attracts Argentine and foreign tourists, mainly from neighboring countries, but also Europeans and North Americans who take advantage of Mendoza to make an invigorating stop during their stay in Argentina. Visits to vineyards, bodegas (wine cellars), tastings.. Mendoza has developed a whole tourism around wine and gastronomy. It is in this region that the Argentinians produce **Malbec**, a French grape variety now widely grown in Argentina (the world's leading producer) and to a lesser extent in Chile. But when you go to Mendoza, you can't miss the nearby Andes Mountains.*



Day 4. Mendoza

Breakfast

High mountain excursion in the Andes Mountains



Departure by bus at 8am. On the banks of the Mendoza River, we'll get majestic views of the Cordón del Plata mountain range and the Potrerillos dam, a colossal hydraulic structure designed to produce energy and distribute water for irrigation.

Our next destination will be Uspallata, a pre-Hispanic settlement of the Huarpes aborigines as well as the southernmost point of the Inca Empire, where the Inca Trail arrived from Peru.

Lunch in Uspallata

Then we will pass through Picheuta, Polvaredas, Punta de Vacas and the Los Penitentes ski resort. Finally, we will reach a natural architectural work with thermal springs.

Continuing our journey at 2,750 meters above sea level, we will reach a viewpoint from where we can see in the distance **Cerro Aconcagua**, the colossus of America at 6,962 meters. From here you can access the Horcones Lagoon and the Aconcagua Provincial Park.

Following the international route, we will arrive at our last destination, the European-style villa Las Cuevas located at 3,200 meters above sea level.

Between Las Cuevas and the international tunnel that connects Argentina to Chile, the route allows you to climb to the monument of Christ the **Redeemer** (ascent only in SUMMER and depending on the climate), located at 4,200 meters above sea level. Return to the hotel around 16h.



Dinner on your own

Overnight stay at the Amerian Hotel 4*

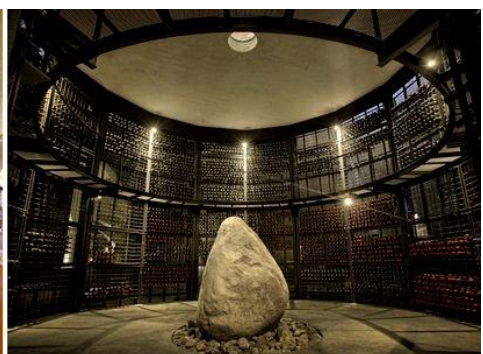
Day 5. Mendoza

Breakfast

Visit to 2 wine cellars (tasting included) that will allow you to discover the wine capital of Argentina. Also visit an olive oil factory.

Lunch in the most beautiful vineyard in the world: **The ZUCCARDI winery** which is located in the wonderful UCO valley.

Menu: Starter, main course, dessert and drink included.





In 2019, 2020 and 2021, ZUCCARDI Valle de Uco was voted **World's Best Vineyard** and was inducted into the "Hall of Fame" in 2022.

In July 2019, a "50 Most Extraordinary Wine Places" competition was held in London, England, for the first time. The International Wine Challenge association played the role of sponsor. The main objective of this annual event is to promote wine tourism. The "overall experience" was evaluated, which means not only the best wines from the vineyards, but also the surrounding views or landscape, accessibility, architecture, and (where applicable), hotels, restaurants, and event management, such as winery tours, carriage tours in the vineyards, wedding and celebration arrangements, Athlete and exhibition programmes.



The Uco Valley has the distinction of having some of the highest vineyards in the world at the very foot of the Andes Mountains, and one of the most enchanting wine-growing landscapes. Without a doubt, the Valley will awaken your sensations.

This fertile oasis is located in the center of the province of Mendoza and surprises with its Cordillera landscapes and natural beauties. It is on this terroir, privileged by the cultivation of vines and where the Malbec and Sémillon grape varieties stand out, that the Argentinian subsidiaries of major players in the world of wine such as the French oenologist Michel Rolland, the Rothschild and Dassault families, the French winemaker Jacques Lurton, the Dutch Salentein family and the Spanish Ortega Fournier have been established.

The Uco Valley is an enchanting area surrounded by panoramic beauties, protected from the heights by the gigantic mass of the Tupungato Volcano and the El Plata peak. With its colourful orchards, picturesque vineyards, direct contact with the mountains, clear skies and crystal clear waterways that run through its entire territory, the Uco Valley has become an attractive tourist centre, whether to enjoy the utmost serenity or to unload your adrenaline through the practice of adventure tourism activities. Many tourists who have visited it say they find in it what Napa Valley was 25 years ago.

After lunch, City tour which will allow you to discover the city center.

Dinner on your own



Overnight stay at the Amerian Hotel 4*

Day 6. Mendoza - Buenos Aires - Iguazu

Breakfast

Transfer to the airport to catch your flight to Iguazu via Buenos Aires. Meet and greet by your guide and transfer to your hotel in Brazil, after crossing the border.

Dinner on your own

Dinner and overnight stay at the Double Tree by Hilton 5* hotel

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Day 7. Iguazu

Iguazu National Park

The Iguazu National Park was created in 1934 on the border of three South American countries: Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil. But it is only in the latter two that you can see the famous waterfalls, inscribed in the World Heritage by UNESCO in 1986. The Iguazu is a tributary of the Paraná River and is called Iguacu in Brazil.

The falls were discovered in the sixteenth century by Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca, during the conquest of the region by the Spanish conquistadors.

Today, tourists no longer need to put on explorer's clothes to discover the Iguazu Falls; The park has been landscaped with numerous paths and footbridges to facilitate the walk of visitors without distorting the nature of the site.

Breakfast

Excursion: The falls "Brazilian side" and visit to a bird park.

If the landscape is more intimate on the Argentinian side, the Iguazu Falls on the Brazilian side offer an even more spectacular view as it is from here that you will have a complete panorama of the 3-kilometer front of waterfalls flowing from the rainforest. Only one route on this side of the border, but this one will allow you to appreciate the show from other angles.

Option : *It is also on the Brazilian side that you can treat yourself to a helicopter ride to observe the falls from the sky... An unforgettable spectacle! To be paid on site (price in 2024: 120 USD)*

Lunch break in the park's restaurant "Puerto Canoas" Return to

the hotel around 16h

Dinner on your own

Overnight stay at the Double Tree by Hilton 5* hotel

Day 8. Iguazu - Buenos Aires - Departure

Breakfast

Excursion: The Falls "Argentine Side"

Most of the falls are located in Argentinian territory: 4 routes will allow you to discover them by getting as close as possible, to observe them from below or from above, in the heart of the forest. If the crowds are not very large, you may be lucky enough to observe the local fauna, iguanas, toucans and other parrots, eagles flying over the falls, peccaries, caimans or other coatis. In recent years, the Park has been modernized and a small train takes tourists to the start of the hiking trails to the falls.

This same little train will take you to the footbridges that lead to the Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat), an impressive depression where thousands of litres of water flow with a crash in the middle of clouds of steam iridescent by rainbows.

***Option:** The most adventurous will not hesitate to climb into the zodiac-type boats that get as close as possible to the falls. To be paid on site (Price in 2024: 75 usd)*

Lunch break in the park's restaurant "El fortin"

Dinner on your own

At the end of the day, transfer to the airport to catch your flight to the United States via Buenos Aires.

End of our services.