Presents: An Argentine Wine Adventure

Day One: Departure from USA. Depart from your home airport to begin your journey to Argentina. Prepare yourself for the fascinating adventures that await you in this spectacular South American destination!

Day Two: Arrival into Buenos Aires. Welcome to Buenos Aires! Your Wine Tours of the World representative will meet you as you pick up your luggage at the baggage claim area. From the airport, your driver will escort you to your hotel located in the heart of distinguished and emblematic Recoleta, only a few steps away from luxurious art galleries, green spaces and interesting tourist circuits.

Your deluxe 4-star accommodation features: a health spa and beauty salon; a fitness and therapy room; L’Occitane in-room amenities; and a sophisticated restaurant and wine bar which invites you to enjoy the finest regional and international flavors, along with a variety of wines from some of the country’s most prestigious vineyards.

After your hotel reception and check-in, meet your private guide and driver in the hotel lobby to enjoy your first taste of Argentina! An exclusive orientation tour of the city has been arranged for your delight this afternoon.

Buenos Aires is exceptional: dynamic, sophisticated and overwhelming. Buenos Aires has an astonishing combination of European atmospherics and charm, combined with Latin American tradition and spice. Your tour today provides an in-depth introduction to the city’s history, its architecture, the culture of its people, and its dynamics. Your three hour journey will give you
the fundamental keys of understanding the net of Buenos Aires’ significances, allowing the city’s stark urban differences to make sense. You will visit the most significant sites and areas of the city, acknowledging the transformation of a village that grew into the urban metropolis which Buenos Aires is today.

This evening, we recommend sampling some of the eclectic cuisine of this remarkable country. Cuisine of Argentina is distinctive in South America for its strong resemblance to Spanish, Italian, French and other European cuisines, rather than of the traditional Latin American palate. Argentina is also one of the world’s major food producers. Beef, wheat, corn, milk, beans and soybeans are especially common in an Argentine diet. Some of the national dishes include Asado (barbequed meat), Dulche de Leche (a sweet paste derived from caramel), empanadas (small, bite-sized pastries, stuffed with a number of different fillings), and Yerba Maté, which is the national beverage derived from an evergreen plant containing natural caffeine and strong antioxidant qualities.

Day Three: Buenos Aires at Leisure & the Art of the Tango. Buenos Días! On the agenda for today, relax and delight in your final day in Buenos Aires. For your consideration, reservations for golf or spa activities can be arranged locally, at your request. Recommended sites to shop and sightsee are also available with your hotel concierge. For instance, Avenido de Mayo is a definite must-see attraction; well-known as a neighborhood often compared to those found in Madrid, Barcelona and Paris, an eclectic and sophisticated shopping district and a shutterbug’s muse, especially for the art Nouveau leanings found in its historic architecture. If anything, we encourage you to seek out a local’s perspective on how to enjoy the history, culture and electric activity “the Paris of South America” has to offer you.

This evening, you are in for a real treat! At 8pm, your private chauffeur will whisk you away to enjoy a spectacular live tango show and dinner at one of the most prestigious tango halls in the city. Delight in the artistic performances of some of the most proficient and prominent dance professionals known in the world today. The authentic roots and the pure essence of the Argentine tango is a full show of music, singing and dancing of top artistic quality. Superb cuisine, prepared expertly, awaits you in an exquisitely decorated Art Nouveau style ambience, re-creating the sophistication of the most luxurious dining halls of the past.
Afterwards, you will be escorted back to your hotel as you prepare for the next part of your adventurous journey through Argentina!

**Day Four: Travel to Mendoza.** After enjoying breakfast and a leisurely morning at your hotel, pack up your belongings in preparation of your flight to Mendoza. Meet your guide in the lobby who will escort you to the domestic airport in Buenos Aires. Upon arrival into Mendoza, you will be met by a local host who will transfer you to your hotel.

Mendoza is situated on a major road between Argentina and Chile, as hikers often frequent the city on their way to climbing Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere. In 2008, National Geographic Magazine named Mendoza as one of the top 10 historic destinations of the world. Today, Mendoza is an action enthusiast’s fantasy, as there are numerous activities to be enjoyed, including: mountaineering, hiking, horseback riding, rafting and other sports. Especially of note are the two major industries of Mendoza, which are olive oil making, and of course, wine making.

Your deluxe Mendoza accommodation is a charming country-style house that reflects the art of Andean stone and desert wood, bringing out a natural, simplistic style. The minute you walk through the front doors of the property, you will know that you are in wine country. The natural, native environment of Argentina is seen through every window and door of the house, with sweeping views of the Chacres de Coria mountains, the park, swimming pool and hot tub, solarium and the quincho (a covered area very common for barbeques and clay ovens), which are always available for guests to enjoy the outdoors. The property also has several bicycles for guest use, at no extra charge, so that you may visit the nearby Chacres village and vineyards in the area.

After check-in and some time to freshen up, your tour of Argentina continues with your first culinary experience. Given your very own grocery and retail experience, you will have the delicious opportunity to visit a local farm and delicatessen for a gourmet lunch. Experience the warm ambience of the family’s production center. You are invited to fully enjoy the quality of the open kitchen and the spectacle of the outstanding views of their farmland. Soak up the flavors and the aromatic spices of the farm-raised ingredients, and open your senses to sample the incredible produce and specialty meats, all the while learning about the elaborate production of their renowned Argentine food products.
With your free time this evening, you may want to borrow one of the hotel’s bicycles to explore the local bodegas of the area. Or, you may want to relax in the hotel spa or lounge, followed by a sophisticated dinner in the superb hotel restaurant which utilizes fresh, local produce accompanied by a highly-rated wine list.

**Day Five: Wine Tour of Lújan de Cuyo and Valle de Uco.** This morning, enjoy a hearty breakfast as you prepare for a full day of wine tastings. Meet your local guide in the lobby who will take you on a visit of three wineries of the Lújan de Cuyo and the Valle de Uco. The Lújan de Cuyo is home to the Malbec grape and where the most prestigious Argentine wineries are located. Travel to the high quality regions of Alto Agrelo and Perdriel, the most expensive vineyard terrain in the entire country, with the snowcapped Andes Mountains in the background. The Valle de Uco is a unique climate region with varying elevations, sometimes even in the same vineyard, and abundant sweet water that provides local winemakers with some of the best “terrior” they could ever wish for. The distinct quality of the grapes grown here have encouraged many modern and progressive wineries based in the Lujan and Maipú regions to also plant vineyards here in this valley.

Your first visit will be to a winery which continues to play an important role in Mendoza’s wine history. Belonging to two Argentine brothers whose ancestors were Italian immigrants and winemakers, the winery was inspired by a serious commitment to quality and a thoughtful approach to nature. The winery has a modern and simple design, surrounded by acres and acres of world-class, high quality vines. Each grape variety has achieved its varietal standard and delicate balance through the combination of dedicated work and high technology.

Next, enjoy lunch and a private visit to a spectacular winery located at the feet of the Andes, established by a long-standing ancestry to the area. The winery’s classical architecture, combined with the outstanding landscape of the Andes and Tupungato Mountain, sharply contrast with the high technology of their winemaking. At the winery, enjoy a unique dining experience; the dining room has a wide chef’s table and an open kitchen to taste each step of the process in creating the marveled food and wine of Argentina. The wine bar also invites you to discover the secrets of the winemaking tradition of more than one hundred years in this valley.

Finally, continue on to one of the most famous family wineries of the Lújan de Cuyo. For nearly a full generation, this family has worked their land in order to obtain its best Malbec wines. The winery was built in 1901, and as a building, it is one of the few
old Mendoza historic relics from the end of the 19th century. The adobe building provides an excellent place for wine barrels and bottles as the temperature changes between summer and winter months respectively.

Upon completion of your tour, you will be escorted back to your hotel to enjoy the duration of the evening at your leisure. This evening, relax and savor some of the excellent food and wine of the region that your hotel features nightly.

**Day Six: Mendoza at Leisure.** Enjoy your entire day at leisure, exploring this fascinating landscape and unique destination on your own. Recommendations for daily activities and dining choices can be selected for you in advance, at your request.

**Day Seven: Argentine Cooking Class.** On course for today, you are in for a real treat! Under the careful instruction of one of Mendoza’s most talented young chefs, you will have the opportunity to prepare traditional regional dishes from an award-winning Argentine bodega kitchen. Traditional plates with gourmet touches, simple preparations and special flavors will be catered to, utilizing select products and produce of the region that are very much related to winemaking. Your cooking instruction is interactive and each participant has the unique chance to learn about typical ingredients and recipes – the secrets of Argentine cuisine. Later, enjoy your masterpieces on the vineyard’s patio with the majestic backdrop of the Andes in full sight. Your lunch is complemented by the select wines of the vineyard, befitting of a celebration of the remarkable food and wine of this incredible destination.

Arriving back to your hotel in the early evening, we encourage you to make your final night in Mendoza a memorable one!

**Day Eight: Departure for Home.** This morning, prepare for your flight home. Your driver will meet you in the lobby of your hotel and escort you on to the airport in Mendoza. Once you arrive in Buenos Aires, you will be transferred from the regional airport to the International Airport in time to catch your departing flight to the United States.

We trust that your wine tour of Argentina was truly memorable, and we wish you Chau, Suerte! Bye and Good Luck in preparation of fortuitous things to come.
INCLUDED:

Day One:
En route

Day Two:
Private transfer from Airport to Buenos Aires Hotel with English-speaking driver
Half-Day city tour *Includes: English-speaking guide and private transportation
Overnight 4-star accommodations in Buenos Aires

Day Three:
Tango show and dinner *Includes: Private transportation
Overnight 4-star accommodations in Buenos Aires

Day Four:
Private transfer from Buenos Aires Hotel to Airport with English-speaking driver
Private transfer from Airport to Mendoza Hotel with English-speaking driver
Farm/delicatessen tour *Includes: private transportation & lunch (drinks not included)
Overnight 4-star accommodations in Mendoza

Day Five:
Breakfast
Full day wine tour *Includes: (3) wine tours and tastings, lunch, English-speaking guide &
private transportation
Overnight 4-star accommodations in Mendoza

Day Six:
Breakfast
Overnight 4-star accommodations in Mendoza

Day Seven:
Breakfast
Gourmet cooking class *Includes: Private transportation & wine-paired lunch
Overnight 4-star accommodations in Mendoza

Day Nine:
Breakfast
Private transfer from Mendoza Hotel to Airport
Private transfer from domestic to International Airport terminal (in Buenos Aires)
**NOT INCLUDED:**

Prices do not include costs of obtaining passports, visas, inoculations, excess baggage charges, all items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls and cables, internet access, meals not specified in the itinerary, personal and baggage insurance, local airport taxes and tips to waiters, hotel staff, tour conductors, sightseeing drivers and guides. Gratuities: Tips to tour guides, waiters, hotel staff and baggage handling are not included and are at the tour participant’s discretion. Guidelines for gratuities will be provided with final tour documents.

- Most meals, unless otherwise noted on itinerary, or room service charges
- Intercontinental flights
- Tips to drivers and guides
- Porterage at arrival
- Luggage handling fees at hotels
- Travel insurance
- Excessive baggage or shipping charges
- Storage and/or transportation of excess baggage
- Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing service or other optional additions to your itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally.
- Excess time beyond contracted service carried out at the request of the passenger for driver, guide service, vehicle charges, etc.
- Additional wait time or additional service due to delayed or cancelled airlines
- Any items not specified under inclusions

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Every effort will be made to confirm your requested sightseeing tour as outlined in the itinerary; however, individual wineries, museums, estates, etc. can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular tour closes on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements.
LAND QUOTE

RATE PER PERSON:
Vacation Price Starting at: **$3000.00** USD per person **double occupancy**.

EXACT VACATION QUOTE:
Will be calculated based on dates of travel, hotel category and transportation type.