



Journey of Purpose and Discovery Argentina

9 days / 7 nights

Pricing from \$3,499

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of South America while you spend time exploring the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires and the Andean wine region of Cafayate in the North.

Explore the wine region of Cafayate and make your own wine! Learn how to make traditional empanadas and attend a local Peña (Folk Concert).

Journey Highlights

- ✓ 7 nights / 9-days
- ✓ Visit **Cafayate region**, home of the famous *Torrontes* grape varietal
- ✓ Visit the bustling and vibrant city of **Buenos Aires**

Community Connections

- ✓ The **Argentine Experience** – a fun and interactive dinner party where you learn what it takes to be an Argentine
- ✓ **Village Experience** – visit a small community in a village that is frozen in time. BBQ with a local family and learn all about the essence of Asado
- ✓ Attend a **traditional "Peña"**. The people of Salta (Salteños), gather at peñas (folk concerts) to celebrate the capital's cultural heritage through traditional song and dance.

Food & Wine Experiences

- ✓ Make **your own wine, create your own label and compete** with your fellow guests for the best winemaker award!
- ✓ Enjoy a **wine & cheese pairing experience** while you watch the Andean sunset
- ✓ Learn the techniques of the **Asado** and help the local women to **prepare empanadas** in the most traditional way.
- ✓ Join an **Executive Chef** for an exclusive poolside **Argentine cooking lesson**
- ✓ Private 3-course **farewell dinner** at a local restaurant
- ✓ Meet with **local wine makers** and taste spectacular wines from the region
- ✓ Attend a **dinner party** and learn what being an Argentine is all about!

Cultural Highlights

- ✓ **Horseback riding** through the Andean Dunes or **bike riding** around the vineyard
- ✓ Discover the **Calchaquies Valley** and enjoy breathtaking views of the valley of red canyons.
- ✓ Be greeted by local **"Gauchos"** and enjoy the infamous Argentinian steak
- ✓ Add a few more days to explore **Iguazu Falls**



📍 **Washington, DC**

DAY 1- Depart for Argentina

Depart today and make your way to Argentina.

Elegant, old-worldly, with a touch of Paris here and of London there, a dash of New York cosmopolitanism and Italian exuberance here, the city of Buenos Aires, nevertheless has a lot of Latin America in it as well.

📍 **Salta, Argentina**

DAY 2 – City Exploration

Upon arrival at Buenos Aires Ezeiza International airport (EZE), transfer to Salta airport (SLA) where you will meet your local guide.

Salta is still very much a hidden treasure of Argentina. The charm and the character of this area lies in the **culture and folklore** of its people, in the architecture of its small towns, in the traditions and customs present in its markets, its food, its music and its religious festivities. A mix of Pre-Columbian civilizations (it was the southernmost outpost of the Inca Empire) and Spanish colonial past (the city of Salta, the gateway city to visit this area, is the best preserved Spanish colonial city in Argentina).

Find northern magic in **Design Suites Salta**. This is an architectural project that blends with the color of the palette of nature. Located in Salta downtown, the property features an art gallery, restaurant, wine bar, health club, gym, Scottish shower, sauna, swimming pool and free Wi-Fi among others.

In the afternoon- **City tour of Salta**: the most representative Spanish colonial city in Argentina. Ascent of Cerro San Bernardo. We will visit the Cathedral, the Church of San Francisco, the Town Hall and the Historic Museum of the North, the craft market and the San Hill.

Dinner at a local restaurant, **Doña Salta** – walking distance from the hotel

Overnight: Design Suites Salta (or similar)

Included meals: Lunch & Dinner

📍 **Salta, Argentina**

DAY 3 – Handicrafts, Folklore and Dancing!

After breakfast we will visit Salta city **handcraft market** where we can find handmade fabrics and ponchos.

Lunch included in a local Restaurant, Café del Tiempo.

This afternoon, explore the fabulous city of Salta at your leisure – your local guide will be on hand to provide recommendations on how best to enjoy the city or you may just simply want to relax and explore the art gallery and wine bar at your hotel!

This evening, enjoy a three course dinner at La Casona del Molino, a **traditional "Peña"**. The people of Salta (Salteños), gather at peñas (**folk concerts**) to celebrate the capital's cultural heritage through traditional song and dance. Casa del Molino is considered to be the most authentic experience in town. Don't expect flashy costumes or big stage production; local musicians play and people dance when inspired – join in the fun and live like a local!

Overnight: Design Suites (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





📍 Salta, Argentina

DAY 4 – Village Life

Following breakfast leave for **Chicoana**, located 40 km from Salta. It is a small **traditional village** located in the southwestern Valle de Lerma, immediately south of the river.

The valley of this river, called Quebrada de Escoipe, makes Chicoana the gateway to the northern portion of the Calchaquíes Valleys. Here we will be welcomed by real gauchos who are going to show us how they cook the traditional Argentinian asado (barbeque) and enjoy the meal with them.

Learn the techniques of the Asado and help the ladies to prepare empanadas in the most traditional way.

After lunch, return to Salta city and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Design Suites (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Cafayate, Argentina

DAY 5 – Time for wine!

Transfer to **Cafayate** (scenic road). Leave the City of Salta behind to discover the **Calchaquíes Valley**, an unforgettable journey through a region that was molded by a turbulent pre-Incan and colonial history, in dramatic scenery carved by the wind and sun towns made of adobe clay that transport us back to remote times.

Drive through the breathtaking “**Quebrada de las Conchas**” deep valley of red canyons, characterized by intense colors and spectacular geological formations, determined by the concentration of different minerals in the soil. During our trip, we stop at the rock formation of the “Anfiteatro”, and soon observe the white sands that hail our entrance to Cafayate, the most important town in the “Valles Calchaquíes”, well known for its wines and especially the white **grape Torrontés**.

Lunch will be provided in a typical winery, **Finca El Retiro** where you will have a chance to tour the town and get to know other wineries in the area.

The spectacular **Grace Cafayate Hotel**, Spa and Residential Villas is located in the Calchaquí Valley in the northwest of Argentina. This hotel and villa complex which will have up to 52 keys and will form part of La Estancia de Cafayate, a secluded 1,250 acre residential and sporting estate in the heart of an area famed for its spectacular scenery, outstanding wines and equestrian sports.

Overnight: Grace Cafayate Hotel (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch





📍 **Cafayate – Argentina**

DAY 6

In the morning, **horseback riding** through the Dunes will start your day. Enjoy a guided ride tour through the sand dunes immerse in the most beautiful landscape in Cafayate town. OR should you prefer take a **bike tour** around the picturesque trails of La Estancia de Cafayate. Visit the different facilities such as vineyards, lake, stables, golf courts, polo fields.

Have a picnic in the lagoon of the exclusive property of Estancia de Cafayate.

In the afternoon join the Executive Chef for an exclusive **Argentine cooking lesson**. Class will be conducted pool side allowing you the opportunity to relax and learn.

Overnight: Grace Cafayate Hotel (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



📍 **Cafayate, Argentina**

DAY 7 – Create your own wine

In the morning participate in a wine workshop: **"Create your own wine"** You will learn about the different varieties of the Calchaqui Valley grapes (Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Tannat) and how to best pair them with the food to create distinguished flavors. Following your lesson, it's time to design and create your very own blend of wine!

Lunch is included during the activity.

In the afternoon we will drive along road N° 68 and arrive at **Los Castillos**, where an imposing reddish rock formation will surprise us in one of the many curves along the way. Just 5 km away from Los Castillos we will find "La Yesera" where we stop for a while and hike. These mounts of sandstone, light-colored, predominantly white and shades of grey are the product of wind and fluvial erosion of different eras that range from 13 to the last 5 million years.

Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant, El Terruño.

Overnight: Grace Cafayate Hotel (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



📍 Buenos Aires - Argentina

DAY 8 – Argentine Experience

Head back to Salta this morning (about a 3-4 hr drive) and fly to Buenos Aires (2 hr flight). Upon arrival you will be met and check back into your local hotel.

CasaSur Palermo Hotel is located in Palermo Hollywood neighborhood, surrounded by bars, art galleries and the best restaurants in town. It is the third hotel member of the innovative and sophisticated CasaSur Hotel Collection. Its 54 executive rooms and 7 suites have minimalist furniture, hardwood floors, delicate textures and noble materials keeping the design philosophy that represents the brand.

In the evening depart for your **Argentine Experience**. A completely unique and private dining experience which cleverly blends exquisite food and wine, local culture and social integration. This is not a cooking class, but a fun and unique **dinner party concept** to teach you what being an Argentine is all about!



Participate in the “**Empanada Challenge**” and compete against your fellow diners for the winning prize! Alongside your creations, enjoy grilled provoleta cheese with sliced chorizo sausage, and our homemade chimichurri.

Dine on the very best steak in Argentina, cooked to order! For desert **make your own** alfajores, Argentina’s national sweet, where biscuits, dulce de leche, melted chocolate fondue and coconut shavings combine to delight the senses. Finally, learn about the history and etiquette of mate, a traditional South American drink.

Overnight: Casasur Palermo (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

📍 Buenos Aires - USA

DAY 9 – Free Time and Departure

Subject to flight times, enjoy some free time in the city before heading back to the USA.

Included meals: Breakfast





📍 Buenos Aires, Argentina

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📍 Salta, Argentina

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