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## 7 Day Culinary & Wine In The Vineyards of Argentina



### **CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS DATES – 7-10 DAY ITINERARY**

Sample the world-class winemaking as you visit the most important and extensive wine-producing regions of Mendoza, Argentina.

In addition to the signature South American wine, Malbec, the region also yields luscious Cabernet Sauvignon, magnificent Merlot, creamy Chardonnay and outstanding Sauvignon Blanc.

Begin with your custom pre-trip in fantastic Buenos Aires and continue onward for three days in the gorgeous wine country of Mendoza. Program continues in Santiago, where we recommend extending to take in the culture and natural beauty of the city and its surrounding recreational areas.

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You can extend your stay to experience more of Argentina, just let your Celebration Escapes Travel Consultant know in your Creative Planning Session.

## 7 -10 Day Itinerary: Argentina: Mendoza & Santiago

### Day 1 Arrival Argentina: Mendoza

**Upon arrival in Mendoza,** you will be met by your private English-speaking VIP Travel Specialist who will escort you through immigration and customs and onward to the baggage claim area. Once there, you will meet your private English-speaking driver who will handle your luggage and transfer you to your hotel.

**Upon arrival at the hotel,** you will meet the concierge who will welcome you with a private VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be delivered to your accommodations.

Mendoza is the center of Argentina's wine industry and is recognized as the country's best grape growing region accounting for approximately 70% of the country's total output. It is no coincidence that nearly all the major wineries are concentrated in Mendoza. Over 900 wineries are located in this vast providence at the foothills of the Andes Mountains.

Your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide will meet you in the lobby after check-in for a tour and lunch. Afternoon vineyard tour with tank and barrel tastings followed by an elegant lunch in the winery.

You will be returned to your hotel after the tour where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day until dinner.

**This evening,** meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for an evening wine tour and tasting.

**Dinner & Entertainment tonight** will be a rooftop Argentine barbeque dinner and a tango show.

Overnight Club Tapiz Hotel [L/D]

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## Day 2 Argentina: Mendoza

### **Breakfast at the hotel.**

**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide will meet you in the lobby for a morning winery visit and horse-drawn carriage ride through the vineyards. You will enjoy a tasting of the wines from the vineyard and a tour of the winery.

**After the tour**, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own today.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Mendoza.

This evening is at leisure to enjoy the town; casino; fine dining, relaxing, etc.

Overnight Club Tapiz Hotel **[B]**

## Day 3 Argentina: Mendoza

### **Breakfast at the hotel.**

**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide will meet you in the lobby for an Andes Mountain Adventure. This Morning, for those who wish, we will go for a short horseback ride in the Andes with a true Gaucho!

Those who wish to relax can do so in our host's mountain home with refreshments. After the ride those participants will join the others in the host's home.

**After the tour**, you will be returned to your hotel.

**Lunch is on your own today.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Mendoza.

**In the afternoon**, Your private English-speaking driver will meet you in the lobby to transfer you to the Final afternoon vineyard tour in Mendoza. You will visit another winery & vineyard today and enjoy a tour of the facilities, tastings, and perhaps a surprise.

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After the tour you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure to relax in your hotel, enjoy the casino in town, or continue exploring on your own.

**Dinner is on your own today.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Mendoza.

Overnight Club Tapiz Hotel [B]

## Day 4 Argentina: Mendoza - Santiago

**Breakfast at the hotel.**

**After Breakfast,** meet your private English-speaking driver in due to time transfer to the airport for flight to Santiago.

**Upon arrival in Santiago,** you will meet your private English-speaking driver in the luggage claim area of the airport. He will assist you with your luggage and transfer you to your hotel for check-in.

**Upon arrival at the hotel,** you will be met by the concierge who will welcome you with a private VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be handled and delivered to your accommodation.

Wondering what is there to eat in Santiago? *Empanadas*, of course! You will find a variety of empanadas and I dare you to try them all. You will not regret this culinary adventure. Tortillas, *cayote* jam, and *pastelitos* are also to be found on the streets of Santiago, ready to tempt passer-byes.

**This hidden gem of Argentina reveals the authentic, less touristy charm of the country. It opens the door for travelers who want to emerge into a journey of exploration of the real Argentina.**

**Lunch is on your own today.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Santiago.

**Santiago del Estero is a province in northern Argentina, consisting mainly of pampa, flat grasslands and desert. The region has a large indigenous population and the city itself is the oldest in Argentina.**

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### **Expect hot weather and relaxed people**

Expect a hot Santiago mostly because it has a sub-tropical climate. The best time to visit the city is undoubtedly winter because the weather is warm and pleasant then. There aren't numerous attractions in Santiago but nevertheless, it is worth a visit. No architectural heritage has survived since its founding in 1553 by, as expected, the Spanish settlers, but it is a lovely place to visit. Also known as the "Madre de Ciudades" (Mother of Cities), Santiago is renowned for its folk music, like *zamba* and *chacarera*, and the tendency of its locals to choose relaxation over work. And who can blame them? There's such a nonchalant ambience in Santiago del Estero.

**The afternoon.** you will be joined by your professional local guide and you all will continue on with private Santiago City tour. You will visit many of the most important sites in the city and hear historical and informative facts about these sites and the city, as well. After the tour you will be returned to your hotel.

**Dinner is on your own today.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Santiago.

Overnight The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago **[B]**

### **Day 5 Argentina: Santiago**

#### **Breakfast at the hotel.**

**After Breakfast,** meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning tour. (Bring your bathing suits today)

Today you will visit the Centro Cultural del Bicentenario. This cultural center is one of the most important cultural complexes in Argentina, and houses three museums that are formed of the historic town hall, which was declared a Provincial Historic Monument in 1987.

The town hall was renovated and expanded to create the cultural center, which contains the "Dr. Orestes Di Lullo" History Museum, the "Ramón Gómez Cornet" Fine Arts Museum and the Museo de Ciencias Antropológicas y Naturales "Emilio y Duncan Wagner" Museum of Natural and Anthropological Sciences.

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The center also has exhibition and events spaces which host concerts, cinematic festivals and theater performances.

**Lunch is on your own today.** Your guide will make recommendations for dining in the area. You can also see Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Santiago.

**After lunch,** you will continue on your tour to the Rio Dulce, where you will experience the Rio Hondo Thermal Baths.

Located on the banks of the Rio Dulce are the Rio Hondo thermal baths, housed in a luxurious hotel that takes full advantage of the site of Argentina's most thermally-active city. This thermal resort lets guests try out the mineral-rich waters of the baths, which are said to re-energise and reinvigorate the body, mind and soul.

The baths are to be found on the banks of the Dulce River and have their origin in the natural groundwater layers. Santiago is considered to be the biggest thermal city in the country due to these baths, so visiting them is a must

**After the thermal bath** experience, you will be returned to your hotel. You will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

**This evening, Dinner** is on your own you will have a reservation at a restaurant near the Centro Cultural del Bicentenario. Meet your private driver in the lobby of the hotel to transfer you to the restaurant.

**After dinner,** take a short walk to the Centro Cultural del Bicentenario where you will experience a wonderful performance at the concert hall or theater. (performances will depend on the dates of your trip).

After the performance, your private driver will meet you outside of the theater for your transfer back to the hotel.

### Day 6 Argentina: Mendoza - Santiago

**Breakfast at the hotel.**

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**Today you have an option of a day at leisure to explore on your own or relax, or an active day exploring with a private guide, the Copo National Park (\*\*HINT – there is a spa at the park and other less active things to do – it’s well worth a visit)**

**After Breakfast (if you have selected the national park option),** meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for a tour of the Copo national Park.

**Another must-see attraction in Santiago is the Copo National Park.** This natural reservation covers 282,300 acres of the Dry Chaco Region and is home to numerous flora and fauna species quite hard to find in other places of the world.

The park is situated about 187 miles from Santiago and it’s a great place to spot the beautiful Red Quebracho, a beautiful noble tree, as well as the South American jaguar, the skunk pig, and the giant armadillo.

Nature lovers should definitely plan a trip to the Copo National Park, especially if they visit Santiago between April and November.

**You will have a picnic in the park for lunch and relax at your leisure for awhile.**

**You will be able to select the activities** that you would like to experience and your guide will assist you with guiding or getting you to the right place within the park for your activity. Regardless, your guide will be with you every step of the way to make sure your day is efficient and exciting.

#### **Activities include:**

- 4 walking and running tracks
- Air Activity
- Nautical Activity
- Horse Riding
- Hiking Trails
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Climbing
- Mountain Biking
- Paragliding
- Rafting
- Sauna-Spa

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- Trekking

## Day 7 Argentina: Mendoza - Santiago

### Breakfast at the hotel.

**After Breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking driver in due to time transfer to the airport for flight to Santiago and forward to the US & Home.

Upon arrival to the airport, your guide will be on-hand to assist with check-in formalities and access to the VIP lounge.

### End of Services.

Ready to plan your journey? Contact us today ! 678-500-9548

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## HOTEL INFORMATION

### Club Tapiz Hotel and Zolo House



Club Tapiz is among Mendoza's most charming bodega-style hotels. Built in 1890 and surrounded by 10 hectares of vineyards, the house was restored to preserve its Renaissance-style villa structure and emblematic elements, such as the patio and pinewood floors.

Its connection to the outdoors and the views of the Andean Range are amazing. A few steps

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away from the house is an antique winery where the "pulpería" (traditional bar) invites guest to taste exclusive wines. The four-bedroom villa Zolo House also sits adjacent to the main building.

## The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago



Slip effortlessly from the sand to the ski slopes with the splendid Andean Mountain Range in your sights. Strategically located in one of the Chilean capital city's most prestigious neighborhoods, El Golf, The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago, is the perfect venue to take in the history and admire the natural beauty of this geographically gifted place.

Classically decorated deluxe rooms are spacious with 430 square feet and offer dazzling views of the mountains and the city. Choose one king-sized bed or two double beds. Connecting rooms are available for families

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