



## **From Desert to Wine lands: Chile and Argentina - 14 Days (#19387)**

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### **Trip Highlights**

Santiago De Chile - San Pedro De Atacama Salta - Mendoza - Buenos Aires

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 01**

#### **Day 1: Santiago de Chile**

Arrival at Santiago de Chile (SCL) Airport - Meet with your guide and private transfer to hotel. Mineral water on board included.

Santiago de Chile is the capital and largest city of Chile, located in the country's central valley. The city counts with a colonial and European architecture that features a distinctive style that invites thousands of visitors to explore its street full of museums, stores and world-class restaurants. Santiago is one the most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities in Latin America, a



city that offers you an unlimited cultural and leisure activity so you can enjoy the most of it.

2 overnights accommodations at Pullman Santiago El Bosque Hotel - Standard Room with breakfast included.

Santiago de Chile Panoramic City Tour Regular Service (Shared) | Guided tour in Spanish and English | Duration: Half day (3.30 hours approx.) | Lunch and entrance fees to museums or similar are not included | The itinerary is liable to updates in order to guarantee its best development according to the day. This tour provides an overview of Santiago de Chile and does not include time to stop and enter museums or attractions that you will see while exploring the city.

The tour begins with a visit to the historic city centre, with the central plaza as a highlight (Plaza de Armas), kilometre zero and crucial centre of the capital, where the construction of Santiago began during the colonial era, with old buildings, such as the Metropolitan Cathedral, a beautiful building that combines Bavarian and neoclassical styles of that time. In this context, a tour through the civic district, with the ministerial building surrounding the government's house, the Palacio de la Moneda, a silent witness of the most relevant event in our republican history. To conclude the historical area, a tour by the old and stately neighbourhoods of the old "high society", a place full of an exquisite architectonic variety brought by immigrants, mainly European, in a time of great mining exploitation and high-born families. Later, a magnificent panoramic view from one of our hills in the city, where it is possible to appreciate a part of the mountain-chain slopes that surround the city to, afterward, go to the western area to see the great architectonic contrast. A thriving and contemporary city that proves its best with impressive buildings of daring architectonic styles that represent a seal of modernity to this big city.

**Meal:** No Meal

## Day 02

## Day 2: Santiago de Chile

Viña del Mar & Valparaíso tour Regular Service (Shared) | Guided tour in Spanish and English | Duration: Full day (9 hours approx.) | Lunch is not included | The itinerary is liable to updates in order to guarantee its best development according to the day.

Valparaíso, the main port in Chile, considered a World Heritage Site by its rare architecture and narrow-street display, passages, and stairs that go up to the top of the hills. And Viña del Mar, the most visited tourist seaside resort in our country, also known as the Ciudad Jardín (Garden City), because of all the green areas that surround it, wide sidewalks, beautiful plazas, and bloomed gardens. They are the gates to the Pacific Ocean. Discover the contrast of both cities next to the sea, located only 120 km from Santiago.

Overnight at Pullman Santiago El Bosque Hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 03**

**Day 3: Santiago de Chile - San Pedro de Atacama**

Private transfer from Hotel to Santiago de Chile (SCL) Airport with English Speaking driver in order to take flight to San Pedro de Atacama. Mineral water on board included. Flight from Santiago de Chile to San Pedro de Atacama - Not included Arrival at Calama Airport (CJC). Meet with your guide and private transfer to hotel. Mineral water on board included.

San Pedro de Atacama is an oasis located in the challenging and quiet Atacama Desert, considered the driest on the planet. It is at 1,198 kilometres from Santiago de Chile, surrounded by mountain ranges, volcanoes with their eternal snow-covered summits, mysterious geo-glyphs, gigantic geysers, impressive salt lakes with their colonies of flamingos, lagoons of intense blue colour, and thermal water swimming pools in the middle of magical indigenous towns. San Pedro de Atacama is considered the archaeological capital of Chile and the centre of the Atacama culture.

02 overnights accommodation at Casa de Don Tomas Hotel - Standard room with breakfast included.

Being immersed in one of the driest places in the world, and surrounded by colours, flavours, textures and a deep silence that invites introspection. We want you to feel at home despite the distance. Here you can be part of the desert, surprise yourself with the immensity of the salt flats, contemplate the strength of its volcanoes, the beauty of the geysers and revitalize yourself in its hot springs. We are waiting for you in San Pedro de Atacama.

Moon Valley & Death Valley Half Day Tour Regular Service (Shared) | English Guided Tour | Duration: Half-Day Tour (4 hs) | Vehicle: Up to 15 seats | Driver-guide assistance | Meals not included.

The Moon Valley is an interesting area with stone and sand formations. Declared Sanctuary of Nature and part of the Flamingo National Reserve. Located inside the Cordillera de la Sal, 13 kilometres west of San Pedro de Atacama, the valley receives his name thanks to the great similarity with the lunar landscapes. There is no life in this valley and no humidity, making it the most inhospitable place on the planet. You cannot miss the sunsets, they are unforgettable. While the sun is setting, it colours the edges of the hills and gorges, while the wind blows between rocks and the sky changes from a pink colour to purple and finally to black. Without a doubt, it is one of the main attractions of San Pedro de Atacama, visited by hundreds of tourists year after year. They are impressed by its singular and unique beauty, incomparable with any place.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 04**

**Day 4: San Pedro de Atacama**

Visit to the Altiplanic Towns Regular Service (Shared) | Vehicle & bilingual guide assistance| Duration: Full day tour (9 to 10 hrs.) | Lunch and tickets included (Pukará de Lasana, Caspana Museums, Inca's Lagoon). Available all year.



We start the day with a trip to Chiu-Chiu Town located at 33km from Calama. It was founded by the Spaniards in their quest for conquest and inside the town, it is Saint Francis' Church, declared a national monument. Inside, there is a portrait of Christ painted for both sides and a crucifix with both folding arms to be transported during processions. It is a desert-like town, silent and old. At a 9 kilometres distance, above a cliff, the Pukará de Lasana shows. A fortification that dates of the year 1100. It is one of the best-preserved legacies of the "Atacameño" people. Made of stone with little streets and 110 buildings, its destruction is related to the arrival of the Spaniards. There is a museum available. We also visit the Inca Coya Lagoon, 5 kilometres away from the town, an old ceremonial place for the Incas. Walking along the Salado River we reach Caspana, 47 kilometres from Chiu Chiu and 3,200 meters of altitude. With 400 inhabitants, it is located in a small valley near a river, important thanks to its beautiful stone houses carved in stone and its roofs made of straw and mud. A style that also possesses the church from 1641 and the footpath bridge built for the community; through it, one can access the ethnographic museum that has an exhibition of the old inhabitants of the town. When it's open, you can see the archaeological collections of the place called "The Grandfathers Graveyard". It is an ethnographic display of the old inhabitants. Observations: Important: People who suffer unmediated hypertension, heart problems and pregnant women cannot participate in the trip.

Accommodation at Casa de Don Tomas Hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 05

### Day 5: San Pedro de Atacama - Salta

Private transfer from Hotel to San Pedro de Atacama Bus Terminal with Spanish speaking driver in order to take bus to Salta city. Mineral water on board included. Bus ticket from San Pedro de Atacama to Salta city, Argentina Regular service. Distance: 515 km (Estimated 10 hours). Arrival at Salta Bus Terminal - Meet with your guide and private transfer to hotel. Mineral water on board included.

The Argentine Northwest (Noroeste Argentino) is a region of Argentina composed by the provinces of Catamarca, Jujuy, La Rioja, Salta, Santiago del Estero, and Tucumán. This area 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). The landscapes are breath-taking, with the Andes as background. Deserts, cactus, high altitude salt lakes, llamas crossing the Puna. An incredible variety of colours, climates, activities, that never leaves you indifferent.

3 overnights accommodations at Design Suites Hotel Salta – Junior Suite Room with breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast





## Day 06

### Day 6: Salta

Cafayate Full Day Tour Regular Service (Shared) | Guided Tour in Spanish and English (A third language may be added) | Duration: Full Day (12 hours) - Daily Departures | Van up to 22 seats maximum | Pick up from hotels in Salta City Centre: from 7:00 am | Includes a visit to Finca Quara winery (or similar) and tasting | Lunch is not included.

We will start the tour driving through the Lerma Valley, in the 68 National Route. This valley is very fertile and here we will be able to see the cultivation fields (tobacco, corn, cereals) and towns of colonial architecture such as Coronel Moldes and Alemania. We will continue to the Quebrada Del Río Las Conchas (Shell's Gorge) where the curious formations eroded by wind and water will be the main attraction: the Toad, the Bishop, the Devil's Throat, the Castles, and the Amphitheatre, among others. There will be enough time to make stops and have a closer look at some of them. After leaving the Gorge we will continue to Cafayate, the youngest city of the Calchaquíes Valleys, and internationally famous for the strains of its wines, in particular the Torrontes. You will be able to taste it and learn about the elaboration process during a visit to a winery. We will return to Salta by the same route but with a completely different solar light whose lighting will modify the landscape of the gorge completely.

Observations: During the rainy season (from December to February) the itinerary may be modified. Guests that stay in Cafayate are allowed to carry 1 carry-on or bag up to 8kg every 2 people. Check for rates and schedule on December 25th and January 1st.

Paved road: 390 km Maximum altitude reached: Cafayate - 1683 masl.

Overnight at Design Suites Hotel Salta.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 07

### Day 7: Salta & Jujuy

Humahuaca Gorge Full Day Tour Regular Premium Service (Shared) | Guided tour with Spanish and English speaking driver/guide (A third language may be added) | Duration: Full Day (12 hours) - Daily Departures (Except in Carnival) | Pick up from hotels in Salta City Centre | 4x4 vehicle up to 4 people + driver | Lunch and tickets to Pucara de Tilcara are not included.

The Humahuaca Gorge has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Here, the landscape and the colours of the hills are combined with the equally colourful villages that inhabit this area. This tour is about social contact and learning about ancient cultures. We will head North taking National Route 9, and we will enter the Humahuaca Gorge leaving behind



the valleys. We will first arrive in the beautiful town of Purmamarca, where we can spot the famous Seven Colours Hill. We will have some free time here to visit its emblematic church and the Artisan's Market. Afterwards, we will continue towards Tilcara to visit its Archaeological Site: "Pukara de Tilcara". This is a prehispanic fortification located at the top of a 70-meters hill and overlooking the town of Tilcara and part of the Humahuaca Gorge. It was originally built by the Omaguaca people and the ruins you can see here have earlier been their houses, workshops, plazas, and ceremonial buildings. It is a very important place to learn about the culture and rituals of ancient civilizations. Here you can also visit a Botanical Garden showcasing native cactus and a Museum with over 5,000 valuable historical pieces from various Indian cultures. We will continue north, crossing the Tropic of Capricorn and enjoying the amazing landscapes, and finally, arrive at the colonial city of Humahuaca. This charming city offers amazing views, picturesque narrow streets, and adobe houses. We will visit its historic centre: The Cathedral, Cabildo and Independence Monument. After lunch and some time to enjoy its atmosphere and amazing views, we will start our way back to the city of Salta visiting Uquia's church and making a stop in Maimara to take photos of the "Painter's Palette" Hill.

Overnight at Design Suites Hotel Salta

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 08**

**Day 8: Salta - Mendoza**

Private transfer from Hotel to Salta (SLA) Airport with Spanish speaking driver in order to take flight to Mendoza. Mineral water included on board. Flight from Salta to Mendoza - Not included Arrival at Mendoza (MDZ) Airport. Meet with your guide and private transfer to hotel. Mineral water on board included.

3 overnights accommodations at Huentala Hotel Mendoza – Classic Room with breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 09**

**Day 9: Mendoza**

Lujan de Cuyo Wine Tour (Regular Premium Shared) Regular Premium Service (Shared) | 2 Guests Minimum, to guarantee departure | Duration: Full day (8 hours approx.) | Guided Tour in Spanish and English Languages | Vehicle: Minibus up to 18 seats | Visits and tastings Tempus Alba and Lagarde wineries, and Lunch at Clos de Chacras boutique winery with soft drinks and wine are included | Afternoon visit to an olive oil factory | Pick up from centric hotels | Transfers to the meeting point from hotels outside Mendoza city are to be quoted | Available days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday.



Mendoza is globally recognized for its wineries, but not just that. Olive oil is also another very important product for our economy, and this tour shows the work of outstanding producers in the Lujan de Cuyo region. Your first visit will be to Tempus Alba, a boutique winery that has limited Top fine wines. Straight after, our next tasting takes place at Lagarde Winery. With the first vine planted in 1897, Lagarde is one of the oldest wineries in the Mendoza region with Malbec vines over 100 years old. With only two owning families in its history, Lagarde was acquired by the Pescarmona family in 1969.

The last winery we visit a family-owned winery Clos de Chacras it is set in one of the original concrete tanks stylistically redesigned using old oak and barrel bands. Nowadays, all of the wine that Clos de Chacras produces is fermented in concrete tanks that have been upgraded with new technology. The capacity of each does not exceed 14,000 litres. Aging takes place in French and American oak barrels located in an underground cellar. Then, after bottling, the wine is stored for a few months or even years... Here we will have lunch at their cosy restaurant. To create the menu, our chef carefully selects each ingredient. Therefore, the menu includes different elements such as vegetables in season, dried fruits, olive oil, red and white meat, seafood, and other artisan ingredients produced in Mendoza. The restaurant offers a three-course menu paired with our wines. We will enjoy the rest of the afternoon in an olive oil factory in which we learn about the process of olive oil making, together with other deli foods to try (olive paté and sundried tomatoes on homemade bread). Observations: This tour can be organized on a private basis and customized upon request.

Note: Please note that the wineries selection can be updated according trip date, schedule, availability, and in order to guarantee the program best conditions. Wineries visits, tastings and lunch are shared, unless are specifically informed as private.

Overnight at Huentala Hotel Mendoza.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 10

### Day 10: Mendoza

Uco Valley Wine Tour (Regular Premium Shared) Regular Premium Service (Shared) | 2 Guests Minimum, to guarantee departure, 10 Maximum | Duration: Full day (9 hours approx.) | Guided Tour in Spanish and English Languages | Vehicle: Minibus up to 18 seats | Visits and tastings at Salentein and Domaine Bousquet Wineries, plus lunch at Andeluna Winery with soft drinks and wine included.

The mountains and the beautiful views in Uco Valley prepare our senses to experience the aromas and flavours of these high altitude wines. Surrounded by an impressive landscape at the foot of the Tupungato Volcano you will enjoy these prestigious wineries ending up with an exquisite gourmet lunch. We will visit some of the most important and highlighted wineries in the region: Salentein Winery, Domaine Bousquet Winery, and Andeluna Winery, all of which make world-renowned wines



from this precious land. This high-end tour is designed for you to share and enjoy an excellent day of wine, and enjoy a gourmet lunch in one of the best winery Restaurants - A six-course lunch including premium wines, in Andeluna Winery Restaurant.

Observations: Please note that the wineries selection can be updated according to the proper schedule of the trip date, availability, and to guarantee the best tour development and conditions. Wineries visits, tastings, and lunch are shared (except specified differently).

Overnight at Huentala Hotel Mendoza

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

## Day 11

## Day 11: Mendoza - Buenos Aires

Private transfer from Hotel to Mendoza (MDZ) Airport with English speaking driver in order to take flight to Buenos Aires. Mineral water on board included. Flight from Mendoza to Buenos Aires- not included. Arrival at Buenos Aires Domestic Airport (AEP) - Meet with your guide and private transfer to hotel. Mineral water on board included.

The name, Buenos Aires, literally means "good airs" in Spanish. It is one of the largest cities in Latin America, with a wide range of cultural offers and stunning sights. Being the capital of the country makes it the starting point for most of the Argentinean Experiences. Let yourself be seduced by its busy and beautiful streets full of Tango aromas and football passion, a unique mixture that turns your stay into an exceptional urban adventure.

Buenos Aires 3 hours City Tour - Premium Shared Regular Premium Service (Shared) | Guided Tour in Spanish or English (1 language per vehicle, according to request) | Duration: Half Day (3 hours) - AM & PM Daily Departures | Van up to 12 seats maximum | Pick up from no more than 3 hotels | Includes 3 stops: Plaza de Mayo, Caminito at La Boca and cemetery of Recoleta | Lunch is not included. This tour provides an overview of Buenos Aires and does not include time to stop and enter museums or attractions that you will see while exploring the city.

Discover the beauty and magic of Buenos Aires with this panoramic tour. The tour is 3 hours long and visits the most important highlights of this spectacular city. At the first stop discover the history of May Square, the site of the most important historical events and their protagonists since its foundation: see its surroundings, the most emblematic buildings, and learn all about them. Continue for a visit to the oldest residential neighbourhood in Buenos Aires: San Telmo, with its cobble-stoned streets and discover its antique shops and picturesque buildings. Live and feel the original Tango in the neighbourhood of La Boca: walk along Caminito Street and enjoy the dancers and souvenir shops. See the mythical Boca Juniors soccer stadium. Contemplate the modernization of the city whilst traveling along Puerto Madero and its exclusive docks, full of excellent restaurants and large offices. Pass through the Retiro neighbourhood and move on to see the most





exclusive residential area before finally arriving at Recoleta. Once there, discover the final resting place of Eva Peron, “Evita” and wander through Recoleta Cemetery where she is to be found. This tour provides an overview of Buenos Aires and does not include time to stop and enter museums or attractions that you will see while exploring the city. Lunch is not included.

Observations: This Regular Premium (Shared) tour can be organized on private basis upon request. Guests can end the sightseeing in Recoleta and continue on their own, or go back to the hotel.

3 overnights accommodations at Carles Hotel Buenos Aires - Executive Room (Double) with breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 12

## Day 12: Buenos Aires

Tigre & Delta Tour with boat ride | Premium Shared Regular Premium Service (Shared) | Guided tour in Spanish & English | Duration: Full Day (6 hours) | Vehicle: up to 12 pax seats Van | Pick up from no more than 3 hotels | Includes Premium Motor Boat Navigation between Puerto Madero and Tigre - Visits to Puerto de Frutos and other Tigre highlights, such as San Isidro | Snacks along the way included.

Our small group tour service to Tigre is unique within the market due to its characteristics and the services it offers, such as traveling from Buenos Aires to the Delta in a first-class motor launch with a small group. At the beginning of the tour, the group will make its way to the city’s port to board a First Class motorboat which will take you to the Tigre Delta. During the one and a half hour trip our guests can admire Buenos Aires from The River Plate, its northern areas, and the Delta rivers, whilst enjoying refreshments on board.

After the motorboat trip, a minibus will pick guests up and take you to visit Paseo Victorica, the most important neighbourhoods in Tigre and Puerto de Frutos, typical market. We will soon find ourselves in San Isidro where you will visit the town’s historical centre and the cathedral on foot while having a snack, and then finally you will see the city’s northern areas and the Presidential Residence in Olivos, before being taken back to your hotel.

Observations: This tour can be organized on private bases and customized upon request.

Overnight at Pulitzer Hotel Buenos Aires.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner



**Day 13**

**Day 13: Buenos Aires**

Free day at leisure to enjoy optional activities.

Overnight at Pulitzer Hotel Buenos Aires.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 14**

**Day 14: Buenos Aires**

Private transfer from Hotel to Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) with English speaking driver in order to take flight back home. Mineral water on board included.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- All mentioned activities with bilingual guide services (English/Spanish or Portuguese) or as above specifications.
- All taxes and reservations expenses.

## Exclusions

- International and Domestic airfare.
- National Park tickets, museums or Natural reserves entrances in case not mentioned as included in itinerary.
- Airport arrival/departure taxes (if any).
- Meals and beverages not mentioned in itinerary.
- Gratuities, tips for guides, drivers, porters, waiters, etc.
- Expenses of personal nature (laundry, beverages, telephone calls, etc.).

## Note

- Rates liable to changes and availability.



**\*\*Not valid for Festive Season or Holidays\*\***

#### Passport and Visa Requirements

You should clarify visa requirements with the Embassies of the countries that you plan to visit as certain countries may require you to take out a visa. It is the passenger's responsibility to have all the proper and valid documentation to enter the countries involved in the trip. Prior to confirming your travel arrangements, you should check your Passport and establish that it will remain current for the entire period of your travel. Please be aware that the name on your airline ticket must be identical to that on your Passport.

#### Vaccinations

Certain countries require that travelers be vaccinated against specific diseases. Check with your doctor and the Embassies of countries to which you are traveling to satisfy yourself as to whether your destination has any requirements in this respect.

All prices are indicative and starting from prices. Final price will be available based on availability and dates of travel.

International Bank Wire Fee – AUD 70.00

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Periodic Departure

**22 Oct, 2024 to 30 Apr, 2025**

Hotel

AUD 5,636 P P twin share

AUD 7,552 P P single

ON REQUEST

