

# CHILE & ARGENTINA TOURS: CHILE & ARGENTINA WINE ROUTE

10 Day / 9 Night Program featuring Santiago, Buenos Aires, Mendoza, Dramatic Andes Mountains Crossing, Vineyard and Wine Cellar Visits, Wine Tasting, Tango Show and much more...

Prices from \$3395.00 Per Person in Double Accommodations. Includes Land Arrangements only. Program is Locally Hosted with English Speaking Guide. **Optimum time to travel is September through March.** 

Important: International and Domestic Airfare not included. Please ask for our Airline Specials too!

"Argentine reds are rich, robust and affordable...the wines have found a mainstream audience and are meeting expectations as high as the Andes foothills vineyards where the grapes are grown." USA Today

# **Itinerary:**

# Day 1 Home City - Santiago

Meet and Greet upon arrival to Santiago's International Airport and Transfer to the hotel. Afternoon, departure from the hotel. The trip is towards the town of Pirque, bordering the Valley of the Maipo, a zone that stands out because it concentrates the most traditional vineyards of Chile and that is, because of its characteristics, the ideal zone for the production of the most elegant red wines. The Concha y Toro vineyard was founded by Marques de Casa Concha in 1883. Nowadays the winery has more than 750 hectares of vineyards in different areas of the region elaborating noble Chilean wines of French vine stock. Tour of the park, vineyards and fermentation room. Lodging.

## Day 2 Santiago - City Tour

Breakfast in your hotel. In the morning, enjoy City Tour of Santiago, referred to by Newsweek magazine as one of the most beautiful capital cities in the world. Afternoon departure from the hotel. The trip is taken along Route 68 in a beautiful trip through rural landscapes of the Chilean countryside until arriving at the Undurraga Vineyard. Founded in 1885 by Francisco Undurraga Vicuña. The tour includes a view of the production process of wine starting off with bottling, labelling and vinification, as well as a visit to the park designed by the French landscape designer Pierre Dubois. Lodging. B

# Day 3 Santiago – Curico - Santiago

Breakfast in your hotel. Departure from the hotel and transfer to train station in Santiago, to board the train that will take us to the city of Curico (train ticket included, duration of the trip 2 and half hours). Welcome at train station by the staff at Curico Valley, visiting 3 wineries of the Curico wine route, lunch-menu included. Once the visits are finalized, transfer to the train station



To board the train back to Santiago (train ticket included). In Santiago, welcome at train station and transfer to the hotel. Lodging. B L

#### Day 4 Santiago - Mendoza

Breakfast in your hotel. At scheduled time, Transfer from the hotel to Bus Terminal, to board regular bus with destination Mendoza. (Duration: 6 hours approximately). Upon arrival in Mendoza, Transfer to your selected hotel. Lodging. B

# Day 5 Mendoza

We will depart to Mendoza's agricultural oasis and visit two prestigious wineries, part of the wine circuit; we will visit their facilities and be able to participate in a guided wine tasting, during which we will begin to get familiarized with the local wines and their elaboration process. Our guide will explain to us the technique of wine tasting, wine production techniques, the importance of the cork in the bottle and the correct way to handle a glass in order to taste wine. At noon we will have lunch at a well-known winery, where we will enjoy an unforgettable gastronomic experience. In the afternoon we will be able to visit other wineries and enjoy a wine tasting session. As the sun sets behind The Andes mountains, we will return to the hotel. Lodging. B L

# Day 6 Mendoza

Breakfast in your hotel. Accompanied by expert guides, we will visit two wineries, touring its cellars, facilities and taste their wines. Return to Mendoza. Afternoon at leisure. Farewell dinner at a renowned restaurant. Lodging. B D

## Day 7 Mendoza - Buenos Aires

Breakfast at your hotel. At scheduled hour, Transfer to Airport for flight to Buenos Aires. Meet and Greet upon arrival to Airport, and Transfer to your hotel. Balance of day free to stroll, shop and explore this eminently walkable capital city. B

# Day 8 Buenos Aires - City Tour

Following breakfast, enjoy City Tour of this beautiful city reminiscent of many European capitals with its narrow streets and wide tree-lined boulevards, turn of the century architecture, sidewalk cafes, elegant window shops, and lively night life. City Tour begins on busy Avenue 9 de Julio, the impressive Colon Theatre and famous Obelisk, key symbol of the city. Continue to Government district, the Legislative Palace dating to early 20th century. Then to historic Plaza de Mayo and beautiful Casa Rosada, the Presidential Palace. Nearby is the Cathedral where the remains of Argentina's greatest national hero, the liberator General San Martin, lie. Continue to colorful Italian inspired Boca District and funky outdoor art displays. Ring along port of Buenos Aires to magnificent homes of Palermo district and elegant shops of Recoleta district. Afternoon free to relax, shop and explore on your own.

## Day 9 Buenos Aires - Dinner & Tango Show

Day at leisure to shop the smart boutiques along Florida and Avenida Santa Fe. Leather and suede, and Argentine handicraft are absolute musts at bargain prices. In the evening, pick up from your hotel for a night to remember in the Senor Tango, Buenos Aires' premier palace of the tango, the sensuous, steamy, dramatic dance of Argentine couples. Enjoy a delicious dinner



complete with wine as you thrill to a wonderful floor show sketching the history of this popular Argentine music made famous by singer Carlos Gardel, marveling at the sensual, synchronized movements on the stage. B D

#### Day 10 Buenos Aires - Home City

Breakfast in your hotel. At scheduled hour, Transfer to Airport for flight homeward or next destination. B

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## **Includes:**

- Three Nights Hotel Accommodations including Tax in Santiago
- Three Nights Hotel Accommodations including Tax in Mendoza
- Three Nights Hotel Accommodations including Tax in Buenos Aires
- City Tour of Santiago and Buenos Aires
- Visits to Vineyards, Wine Cellars including Wine Tasting in Chile and Argentina
- Meet & Greet in Santiago's International Airport, and Transfer to Hotel
- Departure Transfer in Santiago to Bus Depot
- Modern Motor-Coach Transportation Santiago to Mendoza (6 hours)
- Meet and Greet in Mendoza Bus Depot, and Transfer to Hotel
- Departure Transfer to Airport in Mendoza
- Meet & greet in Buenos Aires Airport, and Transfer to Hotel
- Departure Transfer in Buenos Aires

- Assistance of local English Speaking Guide on all Transfers, Sightseeing Tours and Visits. Note: Tour Guide assistance is not provided on overland Motor-Coach transportation Santiago to Mendoza.

- Breakfast Daily
- Lunch (2)
- Farewell Dinner in Mendoza
- Dinner and Tango Show in Buenos Aires

\*For more information, contact your travel agent or **Festival Tours**.