



Join our Argentina Wine Specialist, Jean Cox and see a side of Argentina very few get to explore. You'll enjoy leisurely vineyard tours and tastings, gourmet dinners and lunches, a workshop at the Argentina Sommelier School, and a Mendoza city tour that will allow you to truly understand the country's culture, cuisine and remarkable wine. Imagine tasting your way through 9 high-altitude wineries, set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Andes Mountains. You will be visiting during the exciting harvest season!

### **MONDAY, MARCH 6**

- Check into Huentala Hotel in Mendoza
- Welcome tasting and dinner at Chimpay Bistro - Ing. Jose "Pepe" Galante, the Argentinian father of modern winemaking (Catena Zapata - Salentein), will present his family project "Puramun Wines" at the hotel restaurant.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 7**

Catena Zapata - Tour and tasting. By far, it is one of the oldest and most important wineries in the country. In 1902, Nicolás's grandfather Nicola Catena planted his first Malbec vineyard in Mendoza. Catena is known for its pioneering role in resurrecting Malbec and discovering extreme high-altitude terroirs in the Andean foothills of Mendoza.

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- Penedo Borges - three-course gourmet lunch paired with wine, tour, and tasting at this intimate sustainable boutique winery. A small boutique winery focusing on the smallest detail of each wine. The wines are the true reflection of the identity of its terroir.
- Back to the hotel for an exclusive wine tasting hosted by the Wines Of Argentina, the trade organization that represents all of Argentina's wineries.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

A day trip to Uco Valley, the most important wine-growing area in the country.

- Zuccardi / Piedra Infinita - Tour guided by their oenologists, we will walk the vineyards, taste their wine, and enjoy a four-course lunch. Its wines, architecture, landscapes, and avant-garde practices make it one of the best wineries in the new world. Zuccardi placed first in 2019, 2020, and 2021 "World Best Vineyards" contest.
- Super Uco - Tour and sunset tasting under the Andes Mountain guided by Lucia, the sommelier of this winery. Owned by the Michelini brothers (oenologists), the winery has been awarded in the top 50 by World's Best Vineyards in 2021 with this sustainable biodynamic project located in Los Chacayes (the highest area of Uco valley).

## THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Workshop day at Argentina's first and most important sommelier school, followed by a relaxed lunch. We will tour Mendoza's City combination of colonial architecture and modernism. Famous for its irrigation system and its thousands of trees. Also known as a forest city.

- E.A.S, Escuela Argentina de Sommeliers - Workshop and tasting, with educational instruction, giving you a deeper understanding of Argentina's wine history and geography of one of the great countries of the new world of wine. Presented by E.A.S. Argentina and CETT-UB Barcelona certified sommeliers. You will taste exceptional wines, from north to south, Salta to Río Negro paired with the typical foods of each place.
- Fuente y Fonda - We will enjoy an authentic Argentinian homemade three-course lunch paired with wines at this cozy Argentinian restaurant.

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- Mendoza City Tour - Downtown, foundational area and history, main squares, Cerro de la Gloria, and San Martin Park.
- Free Time - Transportation back to the hotels and time to relax.
- Clos De Chacras - A magical night tour and three-course dinner paired with wine at this traditional family winery located in a 1921 building in the area of Chacras de Coria, Lujan de Cuyo.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 10

A day trip to two of the most important wineries in Uco Valley. A 90-minute drive from the hotel will take us to this area, where some of the best Argentinian wines are made. On the way back, we will visit a small boutique winery in the Alto Agrelo area, where we will appreciate the sunset over the Andes mountains.

- Finca Sopenia - Tour, tasting, and blending session at this 1,200 meters above-sea-level multi-award winning winery. A unique experience where you get a chance to be a winemaker for a day and learn to blend the different varietals to arrive at the perfect blend.
- Salentein - Tour, tasting, and lunch. Located 1,200 meters above sea level and right at the vineyard's center. This multi-awarded winery has a spectacular wine cellar nine meters underground, housing 5,000 small oak French barrels.
- Caelum - A boutique and family winery whose first vintage was in 2009. This small production winery is fueled by passion; the objective is to achieve the highest quality wines while respecting the environment.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11

On our last day after a full week of experiences, we will visit the beautiful and historic wineries in Luján de Cuyo, Tierra del Malbec. Culminating in a magical dinner at a 100-year-old winery.

- Riccitelli Wines - Tour and tasting at the personal project of Matias Riccitelli, a talented young oenologist originally from the province of Salta. In 2021 he was recognized as the Young Winemaker of the Year by Tim Atkin, Master of Wine, in his annual report.
- Altavista - Tour tasting and Picnic in this historic building built in 1899. In 2003, it was restored, respecting its traditional architecture and including the latest winemaking technologies. It is one of the oldest producing wineries in Mendoza, and it's just 2 minutes from the hotel.

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- Free Time - Transportation back to the hotel and time to relax.
- Farewell Dinner at Abrasado - Located at a 100-year-old winery. This restaurant won the first prize in the wineries restaurant category of the Great Wine Capitals contest 2022.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12** - Check out and travel day

**\*IMPORTANT** this itinerary subject to change: every effort is made to keep the itinerary as close as possible to what appears above; however, the final itinerary and wineries/winemakers included may vary due to wine producer schedules, availability, and factors beyond our control. The wine producers visited during this trip will all be of the highest quality.

THIS TRIP IS LIMITED TO FOURTEEN (14) TRAVELLERS

**Cost: \$5300\*\***

**Trip fees include:**

- 6 nights local accommodations
- The following meals with all applicable taxes and gratuities
- 6 breakfasts
- 5 three-course gourmet lunches expertly matched with top quality regional wines
- 3 gastronomic dinners expertly paired with top-quality regional wines
- 9 Visits to wineries/producers
- 1 course with E.A.S. Escuela Argentina de Sommeliers
- Transportation to all the wineries and dinners.

**NOT INCLUDED** - *Flights and travel arrangements to International Airport El Plumerillo Mendoza, Argentina - MDZ*

\*\*There is a US \$500 supplement if you are traveling by yourself. This cost is to cover the cost of single-room occupancy at the hotel.

Payment 1: Deposit at booking: \$1,500

Payment 2: 90 days from start: \$2,000

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Payment 3: 60 days from start: \$1,800 (plus single supplement if applicable)

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Fill out registration form and we will contact you for payment information and confirmation of your seat on the Argentina Study Trip 2023.

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