



GROUP TRAVEL
SAE 2446

SOUTH AMERICA WINE TRIANGLE

Tasting the best wines and more
17 days / 16 nights

WINE, the elixir of Gods! One of the favourite drinks in the whole world. Wine is being produced in South America with a great success, specially in Argentina and Chile with renowned trademarks. And Bolivia, that has been producing wine for many years, is trying to spring into the international markets, specially with high-altitude wines and the Tannat variant.

In South America, Spanish conquerors had introduced vine cultivation into the heartland of the Inca Empire by the 1540s. Bartolomeu de Terrazas pioneered viticulture in the Cuzco area and later on Vineyards blossomed around Lima, Trujillo, and Arequipa. Francisco de Carabantes carried vines to Chile when he was sent by Pedro de Valdivia's expedition in 1548. The vineyard of Diego García de Cáceres produced the first Chilean sacramental wine in 1555. Francisco de Aguirre planted vines in the north near Copiapó, Chile, and his son-in-law, Juan Jufré, expanded cultivation and carried vines across the Andes to the Cuyo region of Argentina before 1570. Nowadays Argentina, South America's largest wine growing country is famous for Malbec, but they do much more than just that! Cabernet Sauvignon grows very well in the high-and-dry climate of Mendoza along with their champion white wine, Torrontes. Argentina's newer regions include Patagonia, which creates exceptional Pinot Noir. For now, the primary export market is Malbec, but their Cabernets easily compete with Napa.

Chile became the major wine producer for South America starting in the late 1600's after a major earthquake destroyed Peru's growing industry. The location of Chile's major wine region is typical for a cool climate. The valleys along the coast collect cool air as it travels up the Andes. Chile produces peppery and earthy Cabernet Sauvignon in a style very similar to Bordeaux. The country champion is a red variety called Carmenera, which has flavors similar to Cabernet Franc. Bolivia's wine industry is based in the southern city of Tarija, near the southern border with Argentina. This region has long produced small amounts of artisanal wine. International grape varieties planted in Bolivia include Muscatel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Malbec, Tannat, Garnacha, Barbera, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Franc Colombard and Chenin Blanc. This tour starts in Santiago, here you will visit its highlights. You will also join us to a wine tasting tour at the Casablanca Valley. Flying north to Calama, you will in contact with the Atacama Desert, the driest desert in the world. Spend a few days there, getting acclimatize to the high altitudes. Then, your adventure continues to Uyuni, the largest saltflats of the world on our way to Tarija and its vineyards. The journey continues to Mendoza and crossing the Andes, we will come back to Santiago, where your wine experience in South America will end. Come with **EUROLATINO** to this trip and live your wine adventure in the Andes.

DAY 1 (Thursday) ARRIVAL SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Arrival in Santiago de Chile after your international flight from home. Reception at the airport in Santiago and transfer to the hotel. Registration. Afternoon city tour of Santiago, starting at the Cerro Santa Lucía (Santa Lucía Hill), where the city was founded in 1541. Continue to San Cristóbal Hill. Then you will visit the Plaza de Armas (main square) with the Government Palace "La Moneda" and other important national monuments such as the Cathedral, Correo Central (main post office) and the Municipalidad de Santiago (city hall). The journey continues across the Mapocho River and through various neighborhoods with a view of the city. Return to the hotel in Santiago. Overnight.

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE
OCCUPANCY

EUR 3.386.-

Surplus single occupancy
EUR 721.-

Individual traveling
2024

Starting every Thursday in
Santiago (Chile)

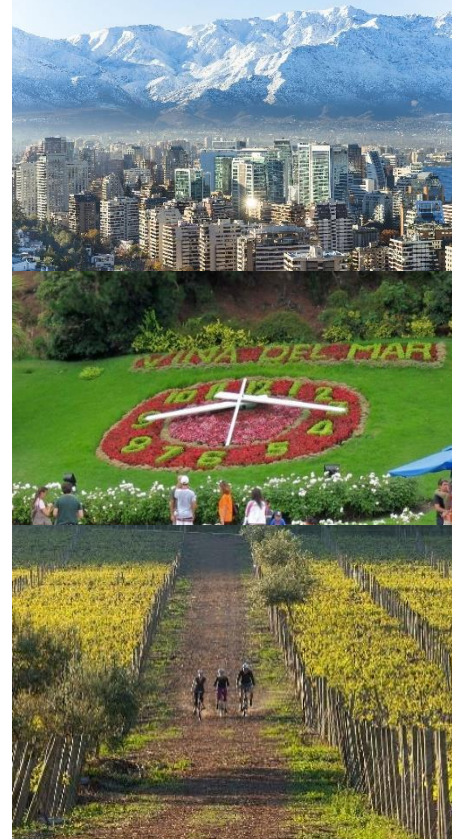
from 4 Persons

INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✦ SIB (Sit-in-basis) for transfers, sightseeing tours, and connections
- ✦ 16 nights in selected 3*** and 4**** hotels
- ✦ 16 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 4 dinners
- ✦ All excursions and transfers mentioned in the program
- ✓ City tour in Santiago, Tarija, Mendoza
- ✓ Wine tastings in Santiago, Tarija, Mendoza
- ✓ Saltflats package
- ✓ Tour in Humahuaca and Cafayate in Salta
- ✦ Local english-speaking tour guide in all excursions and transfers

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights.
- Local airport taxes
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters
- Services or excursions not mentioned in the program as included
- Insurance
- Drinks and personal expenses





DAY 2 (Friday) SANTIAGO – VALLE DEL MAIPO - SANTIAGO

Breakfast at the hotel. On this day we will take part on one excursion to the wine-growing region. Arrival in Pirque, where you will find the vineyard "Concha y Toro", the largest wine producer in Chile. Tour of the "Patronal House" (mansion) with the beautiful park and the lagoon. Access to vineyards and deposits of these internationally renowned wines. Visit the wineries, including the famous "Casillero del Diablo", taking into account its production. There is a wine shop at the end. The tour continues visiting the bucolic town of Isla de Maipo exploring the Chilean wine country. Though not truly an island, the area takes its name because it is surrounded by tributaries of the Maipo River, which make for perfect grape-growing conditions. You will visit two family-owned wineries—each with their own specialities—and enjoy several tastings and a delicious lunch along the way. After the visits, we will come back to Santiago. Rest of the evening at leisure. **(B) (L)**

DAY 3 (Saturday) SANTIAGO – CASABLANCA – VIÑA DEL MAR – VALPARAISO - SANTIAGO

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will take a tour to the valley of Casablanca for a visit of several wineries on a full-day, small-group wine tour from Santiago that includes tastings at two destinations. Explore the terroir of this certified 'Denomination of Origin' region, whose ocean-cooled climate produces fine white wines and pinot noir. After visiting the last vineyard, we will proceed to the Tanino Restaurant and you will be surprised with its excellent gastronomy and service, in a cozy atmosphere surrounded by beautiful gardens and breathtaking views of the vineyard. Our gastronomic team alongside chief winemaker Alberto Guolo work together to accomplish a perfect balance between our wines and each preparation on the menu. Fresh ingredients, local products and a modern cuisine which incorporates fish and seafood, meats and pasta. A gastronomic experience full of flavors and textures that highlight the best of wines. After lunch, we will continue to Valparaíso, main port of the country and city chosen by the poet Pablo Neruda to spend his days of melancholy. We will go for a walk searching for this glorious past of the Latin American literature. Afterwards, following the coast towards the north of the bay, you arrive to the city of Viña del Mar, the most popular relax-center in the region. Known as the "Garden City" for its well-kept parks and the well-known flower clock. The tour considers a visit of its beaches, the Casino and its main avenues. Return to Santiago. Accommodation. **(B) (L)**

DAY 4 (Sunday) SANTIAGO - CALAMA - SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA - MOON VALLEY

Breakfast at the Hotel. Early transfer to the airport and flight to Calama. Reception at the airport and transfer to San Pedro de Atacama. While driving, it is possible to see the Cordillera de la Sal (Salt Mountain) and the Licancabur Volcano. Arrival in San Pedro de Atacama and registration at the hotel. In the afternoon excursion to the Valle de la Luna (Moon Valley), world famous for its salt caverns known as Tres Marías, rock formations and for the great dune, from where a magnificent sunset can be seen. Return to the hotel in San Pedro **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 5 (Monday) SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA – HITO CAJON – LAGUNA HEDIONDA (BOLIVIA)

After breakfast, we travel to the border town of Hito Cajon between Bolivia and Chile. On this journey, we reach the highest point of our adventure. After meeting the migration requirements, we continue by jeep to Laguna Verde on the Licancabur volcano (5930 m). The emerald green lagoon has a high concentration of calcium, lead and sulfur carbonates. The journey continues to Laguna Blanca and the Geysers Sol de Mañana: you will see there, mud pools and fumaroles. Nearby, you can bathe in hot springs. Continue to the Laguna Colorada. Along the way, we'll look for a cozy corner for a memorable lunch. Arrival at Los Flamencos hotel near Laguna Hedionda and check-in. After a short break, you will be able to walk and admire the different varieties of Andean flamingos. Dinner and overnight at the hotel **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 6 (Tuesday) LAGUNA HEDIONDA - COLCHANI

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, we continue with our expedition. This time we cross the Siloli Desert, one of the driest deserts in the world. Then we visit the Cañapa lagoon and the Dalí desert with a rich mix of colors and rock formations. Enjoy a lunch in a beautiful setting.





Then we will drive through the Salar de Uyuni to our hotel. Registration and rest of the afternoon off. At sunset, we will approach the saltflat to appreciate a spectacular sunset. Return to the hotel for dinner. Overnight at Hotel Palacio de Sal, which is built completely with salt blocks. Even the beds, tables and chairs are made of these blocks. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 7 (Wednesday) COLCHANI - TUPIZA

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we will start visiting Colchani to see the salt production in its primitive form. You can also buy some souvenirs made of salt. After the short visit, we will drive and cross the Salar de Uyuni. With seemingly infinite extensions of more than 12,000 km², Uyuni is the largest salt flat in the world. Free drive through the salt flats, where there is no visible highway, towards Isla Incahuasi, an oasis with giant cacti and unusual flowers. Continue to the city of Tupiza, located in the departamento de Potosi and close to the Cordillera de los Lipez, with some peaks above 5.000 meters. On the way we will stop in Atocha, one of the many mining centers that produced tin. Time for lunch. Then, we will continue our journey to Tupiza. Once at the hotel, you will have free time. This region became very popular because of the american bandits Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, two criminals who escaped from the justice in USA around 1908. They started to assault banks and trains coming with the remittances for the mine workers. Rest of the day at leisure for private activities. Overnight. **(B) (L)**

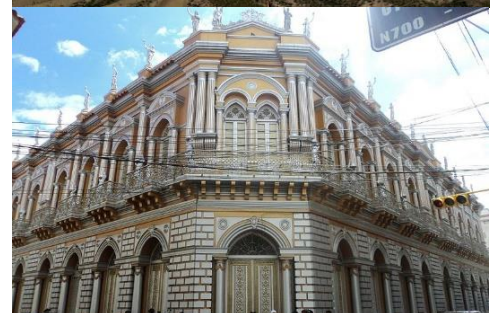
DAY 8 (Thursday) TUPIZA - TARIJA

Breakfast at the hotel. You will continue today to Tarija, known as "la chura" the beauty. Say the "chapacos" (inhabitants from Tarija) that most beautiful land could not know the human being, plagued by the gift of God, with its landscapes, its climate, its pure and fresh nature, a mixture of fragrant smells coming out of the beautiful flowers that fall in love with even the most indifferent, this is Tarija, the "chura" Tarija, beautiful like no other. Tarija is the southernmost bolivian city and well known because of their winery and its high-altitude wines. In the last years, the variety known as Tannat became very famous and is one of the best products in the region.

On the way to Tarija, we will stop at the Cepas de Fuego winery in Villa Abecia, in the Cinti Valley, that harmonises traditional wine making methods with old vines and Criolla grape varieties to produce distinctive wines and spirits. You will have to opportunity to learn about the production of semi-artisanal wines. Upon arrival in Tarija, check-in at the selected hotel and free time for private activities. **(B)**

DAY 9 (Friday) TARIJA

Breakfast at the hotel. You will start the day visiting Tarija through its history and culture. Visit to the most important places of the city such as: "The Golden House", Mirador de los sueños, "The Wine Cup", green areas and viewpoints that so characterize our city, which will allow us to discover its wide and elegant avenues that border our poetic Guadalquivir River! Then we will continue to the countryside, visiting the town of San Lorenzo, where the culture, folklore and tradition of the Chapaco man is born!... and homeland of the caudillo Eustaquio Méndez "El Moto". Visit to his house, now converted into a National Museum, tour of the church and market of the typical rosquetes and bleached empanadas. Continuing with the tour we will arrive at "Coimata", a place of singular natural beauty, where you can enjoy the mild climate of the Tarija valley and to appreciate its different waterfalls with which this beautiful attraction counts. Next stop will be San Jacinto. Attractive of great importance for its high-tech infrastructure. Walk on the shores of the lagoon to appreciate the beautiful panoramic view of the region and have lunch. After tasting the typical "chapaco" gastronomy, we will start visiting our first winery. The intoxicating beauty of the wine route in the valley of Tarija will show you the grapes used to produce stunning high-altitude wines. For this reason, there will be a tour of the modern facilities of the winery "Campos de Solana", there we will know in detail the process of elaboration of the famous high altitude wines and their technical specifications. Next destination will be the winery of Singanis "Casa Real", where we will see their wine





production and also from "singani" a sort of grappa made of distilled grapes. Finally we will move to the Valley of La Concepción to visit "La Casa Vieja", mysterious winery that keeps the detail of its wines that make Tarija proud. Back to the hotel to rest. **(B) (L)**

DAY 10 (Saturday) TARIJA – HUMAHUACA (Argentina)

After breakfast, we will start our journey heading to Argentina. The border is located 192 km south from Tarija and after the migration formalities, we will continue to Humahuaca, located at 160 km from the border in south direction. Humahuaca is located up in the mountains at 3,000 meters above sea level, and has a population of a little over 10,000. A dusty ranching center surrounded by acres of cactus and spectacularly colorful mountains, Humahuaca looks like it should be a set for a wild west movie. Check-in at the hotel and time to rest before dinner. Overnight. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 (Sunday) HUMAHUACA - SALTA

Breakfast at the hotel. We will continue our trip towards the vineyard Valleys of Mendoza. On the way, we will visit the renowned Humahuaca Canyon. The Quebrada de Humahuaca was the first part of Argentina to be explored and settled by the Spaniards, for it provided a connecting route to the more temperate regions further south around Salta and Cordoba where supplies of food and draft animals could be found for the silver mines at Potosi, the gold mines at Oruro and other mining settlements in Upper Peru, now Bolivia. The town was a stopping place along that route before beginning the difficult climb to the Altiplano. Later Humahuaca was a central place for the revolutionary activity that eventually led to the creation of modern Argentina. Humahuaca was also a station on the now defunct railway that connected Bolivia to Buenos Aires, and its wild west aspect will remind many North Americans of some of the towns of Arizona or New Mexico. The area is arid due to the mountains, which block rain clouds. This region in the north of Argentina has been inhabited for thousands of years and was part of the Inca empire. After the visit, we will continue to Salta, a provincial capital in mountainous northwestern Argentina. Founded in 1582, it's known for its Spanish colonial architecture and Andean heritage. The city centers on Plaza 9 de Julio, an elegant, cafe-lined square bordered by the neoclassical Salta Cathedral and El Cabildo, an 18th-century town hall turned historical museum. Check in at the hotel and overnight. **(B)**

DAY 12 (Sunday) SALTA - CAFAYATE

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning and after check-out, you will participate in a panoramic tour, where you'll have the chance to see Salta's historical center and get insights into the history and architecture of the area. Head to Plaza 9 de Julio, the Cathedral, the Cabildo, the Uruburu House, the Convent of San Francisco, the Convent and the Cerro San Bernardo, the Monument to Güemes and the Handicraft Market. At the end of the tour, you will continue to the Cafayate Valley, a wine-producing region in the north-west of Argentina and part of the Calchaqui Valley wine region. The Cafayate wine area is one of the highest places in the world that is suitable for viticulture, as the majority of the region's vineyards are located at 1700m above sea level. ON the way, you will see the farming towns of Cerrillos, La Merced, El Carril, Coronel Moldes and La Viña in the Lerma Valley. You will also see tobacco plantations and marvel at the different rock formations of striking colors. Arrival to the Viñas de Cafayate Wine Resort, a beautiful lodge complex in elegant Spanish colonial style accommodations and swimming pool. After check in and a short break, we will start visiting the wineries around the hotel, learning about their production and tasting the quality of Cafayate Wines. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B) (D)**

DAY 13 (Monday) CAFAYATE - SALTA AIRPORT - MENDOZA

Breakfast at the hotel. Get picked up from your hotel in Cafayate on time and make your way back to Salta and the airport. Enjoy stunning views of the different landscapes along the way. Upon arrival, reception through our representative and transfer to the hotel. Check in and time at leisure for private activities. Accommodation **(B)**





DAY 14 (Tuesday) MENDOZA

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning you will have a walking guided tour in Mendoza, a city in Argentina's Cuyo region and the heart of Argentina's wine country, famed for Malbecs and other red wines. We will start the visit by the Foundation Area, the historical site where Don Pedro de Castillo founded the city in 1561. Here we will see the Museum, the Foundation Square and the Jesuit ruins. We will continue to the Cathedral, the Basilica of San Francisco, the ex Banco Hipotecario (now the Ministry of Culture and Tourism), the Plaza Independencia, Plaza España, and also the Civic neighbourhood with the Government House. Next stop will be at the San Martin Park, which has 370 hectares and is called the lung of the city. We will enter through the famous "Portones" (gates) until we reach the "Cerro de la Gloria" (Hill of Glory), where the Monument to the Sanmartinian Act is located. Finally, we will go to the Sanctuary of the Virgin of Lourdes, which has impressive views of the Pedemonte of Mendoza. After 4 hours touring the city, back to the hotel for private activities in the afternoon. In the evening, we will offer you an unforgettable experience, "Wine & Gourmet Nights". Mendoza gastronomy inspires us with gourmet food pairings and premium wines, to create this experience in the most attractive places in the city and surroundings. **(B)**

DAY 15 (Wednesday) MENDOZA The Vine Experience at Valle de Uco

Breakfast at the hotel. The mountains and the beautiful landscape of Valle de Uco prepare our senses to experience the distinctive flavors and aromas of altitude wines". This High class Tour is designed to share and enjoy a complete and excellent day of wines. We will visit some of the most important and prominent wineries in this region. Starting in your hotel, leave to the south to Maipú region where we will visit the first winery and taste different types of high quality wines including Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. We will continue our tour to Lujan de Cuyo region to visit another Bodega where you will have a 100% authentic experience tasting other class of wines. Our third stop will be at the first certified organic wineries in Chacras de Coria. In addition to wines, they are also known for producing organic craft beer. Time for lunch in a Bodega in Chacras de Coria where we will enjoy a gourmet picnic surrounded by natural parks. After lunch, we will visit this vineyard, and its historic building dated 1899, completely restored in 2003, and with the best technology in terms of winemaking. The underground cellars house the French oak barrels of Alta Vista. The winery is located in a five-square hectare property and it is considered one of the historical sites of Mendoza because it represents the architecture of the wineries of the 19th century. Once the tour is over, we will return to Mendoza. **(B) (L)**

DAY 16 (Thursday) MENDOZA – SANTIAGO DE CHILE

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will have an awesome and unbeatable ride from Mendoza, Argentina to Santiago, Chile! The journey takes you from the heart of each country's wine region and over the soaring Andes Mountains at the Paso Internacional Los Libertadores, also called Cristo Redentor, where all immigration and customs procedures are carried out. As you descend towards Santiago, you'll enter a series of switchbacks, passing by ski resorts and through more vineyards. At nightfall you will arrive in Santiago and will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight. **(B)**

DAY 17 (Friday) SANTIAGO - AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel. The day is at leisure until you go on time to the airport for your flight. Back home. Good opportunity for shopping. Assistance at the airport. Return flight home. **(B)**

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

