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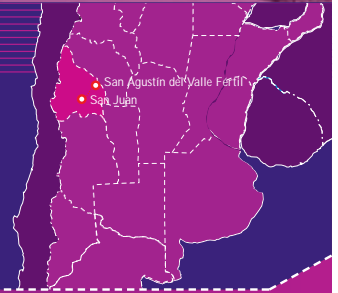
Pacific Ocean



LA RIOJA
SAN JUAN
MENDOZA
SAN LUIS
CORDOBA

REGULAR & SPECIAL TOURS

San Juan and Moon Valley



3 days

AR 060



DEPARTURES
Saturdays



GUIDE
Spanish and bilingual
(English - German -
Italian - French)



MEALS
Half Board



AIR FARE
Not included

DAY 01: San Juan

Reception at the airport and afternoon departure to Valle Fértil, passing by some typical arid hilly towns which contrast with the greenish beauty of the valley that will appear on arriving in Valle Fértil. Spend the night at Valle Fértil Inn. Dinner.

DAY 02: Valle Fértil

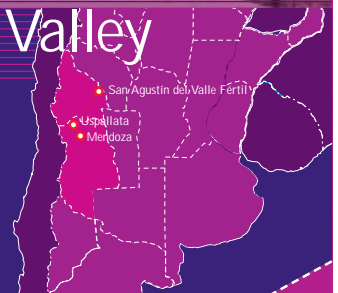
Continental breakfast. Early departure for the astonishing 'Ischigualasto' (the indian word for "The place where the moon goes down" or "Moon Valley"), one of the most important paleontological reserves in the world, estimated to be over one hundred and eighty million years old. The gradual accumulation of rocks and sand and the sculptural effects of erosion caused by wind and

the rain have modeled different shapes. Then continue your most impressive tour visiting Talampaya, the true jewel of natural architecture, a tall gorge flanked by 120 m. of red walls is a pictographic deposit guarded by the majestic condor flying on top. Talampaya is one of the greatest gifts nature has given us. Return to San Juan. Accommodation. Dinner.

DAY 03: San Juan

Continental breakfast. Departure to San Juan for a short visit to this nice and quiet provincial town. Continue to Ullum Dam a beautiful touch of blue in the middle of this dry area, situated at the bottom of the Andes Precordillera and later to the Zonda Valley, an amazing mountain gorge. Transfer to the airport.

From the High Mountain to the Moon Valley



7 days

AR 065



DEPARTURES
Mondays



GUIDE
Spanish and bilingual
(English - German -
Italian - French)



MEALS
According to itinerary



AIR FARE
Not included

Mendoza / San Juan / La Rioja

Green valleys carved by millennia among the imposing mountains and gorges are the highlights of this region where the Andes reach their maximum expression in the mythical Aconcagua, the highest peak in the American continent

DAY 01: Buenos Aires / Mendoza

Reception at Mendoza airport and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. In the afternoon, a tour of the city will make it possible to get to know the history and culture of this city, founded by Spanish colonists more than four centuries ago. Go through its tree-lined avenues and its streets bordered by 'acequias' (irrigation ditches) and visit the most important points in the city. Return to the hotel.

DAY 02: Mendoza

Breakfast. Departure to visit some wine cellars of the region: La Rural, with the Wine Museum one of the most important in the world, with an exhibition of elements of the original wine cellar. And Trapiche, one of the most important wineries in Argentina, founded in 1883. It is the first exporter of premium Argentine wines. Lunch at restaurant. Return to the hotel.

DAY 03: Mendoza / Uspallata

Breakfast. Early departure towards the Argentine-Chilean border, passing by Uspallata Valley, and Penitentes ski resort. To reach finally Puente del Inca (Inca Bridge) and its hot springs. The bridge was named like this because the Inca Aborigines used this natural bridge on their way from Chile to the pre-

colombian Peru. Lunch at the local inn. On the way, admire the view of Mt. Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the American Continent, (6,959 m.) Trekking to Horcones Lagoon for a better view of the great mountain. Arrival at Las Cuevas. Accommodation in Uspallata. Dinner.

DAY 04: Uspallata

Breakfast. Day at leisure to enjoy optional activities such as rafting in Mendoza River, mountain bike, trekking, to appreciate different landscapes. Dinner.

DAY 05: Uspallata / San Agustín del Valle Fértil

Breakfast. Departure towards San Agustín del Valle Fértil, in San Juan. Accommodation.

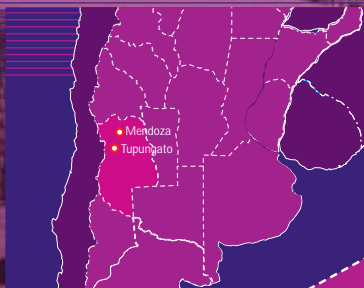
DAY 06: San Agustín del Valle Fértil

In the morning, visit to Ischigualasto, best known as 'Valle de la Luna' (Moon Valley), an area where paleontologists, geologists and naturalists from all over the world have carried out different studies because of the particular geological formation and for the fossils found in the area. The arid landscape and the grey wind-eroded 180-meters high rock formations will never fail to amaze those who visit the valley. The recent discovery of fossils from the Triassic Period (when the dinosaurs first emerged) drew worldwide attention to this area. Return to the hotel.

DAY 06: San Agustín del Valle Fértil / Buenos Aires

Breakfast. Transfer to San Juan airport to board flight to Buenos Aires.

Mendoza and its Wines



Mendoza - Tupungato

5 days

AR 064



DEPARTURES
Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays



GUIDE
Spanish and bilingual
(Spanish - German - Italian - French)



MEALS
According to itinerary



AIR FARE
Not included

Mendoza, "the land of the sun and the good wine". This is the perfect tour to be introduced to the charm of its local wines and their spirit. Visiting a few of the great variety of wineries located around the city and all over this beautiful province will deepen your knowledge of the wine activity by showing you the wine production techniques and some of the best preserved secrets of wine tasting.

DAY 01: Mendoza / Tupungato

Reception at the airport and transfer to Tupungato, in the Uco Valley area, where a large stretch of vineyards belonging to the main Argentine and foreign wineries have been placed. The Uco Valley is a privileged area for grape and high quality wine production due to its location on the foot of the Andes mountain range, with an unequalled landscape and altitudes superior to 1,000 metres. Among the grapevines you can find Chardonnay, Merlot, and Malbec with different characteristics to those in other areas of the province, and Semillón. Accommodation at the small Posada Salentein, a place surrounded by mountains, vineyards, streams and woods. Different activities can be practiced here: trekking, fishing and rides in 4WD vehicles, apart from visiting its cellar, Bodega Salentein, situated 1,200 meters high, that cultivates the variety Pinot Noir at Finca San Pablo, which used to belong to Jesuit priests. Its building is unique, it has a cross-shape with a small independent cellar in each wing. Dinner at the posada with guided wine tasting included.

DAY 02: Tupungato

Breakfast. Visit to Bodegas Lurton and Fapes in the Uco Valley. Bodega Lurton, belongs to the brothers Jacques and Francois Lurton, who elaborate "varietal" and generic wines with the following grapes: Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Grey Pinot. Bodega Fapes, is one of the oldest cellars in the area, and is outstanding in the art of combining the traditional techniques with the new elaboration trends. The enthusiasm of its owners will allow you to discover many wine secrets in a friendly atmosphere. Lunch at Salentein and afternoon at leisure to enjoy the different activities offered in the place. Dinner at the posada with guided wine tasting included.



WINE CELLARS - MENDOZA

DAY 03: Tupungato/ Mendoza

Breakfast. Departure to the productive oasis of the Central-west area. Visit to Bodegas Norton and Lagarde. Bodegas Norton, founded in 1895 by an English engineer. This winery has the most modern technology, without denying its history. Its properties are located in Luján de Cuyo and Junín counties and among the cultivated grapevines you can find Malbec, Cabernet, Merlot, Semillón, Chenin, Chardonnay, Riesling and Barbera d'Asti.

Casa Vinícola Viniterra, located in Luján de Cuyo, is a boutique cellar which produces wines of the Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Chenin type among the white grapes; Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Sangiovese and Bonarda among the red varieties.

Bodegas Lagarde is well known for its prestigious wines, elaborated in limited lots in a centennial wine cellar, regularly participating in international contests. Its fincas (productive ranches) are located in Luján de Cuyo County. The main varieties produced are the red Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, Pinot Noir, Petit Verdot, and the white Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin and Semillón. Lunch at a restaurant in the area. In the afternoon visit to Bodega Domaine Vistalba. The French owners of Bodegas Domaine Vistalba have managed to combine the "savoir faire" of its origins with the grapes produced by the native soils. This cellar elaborates its products in the way of a French Chateaux. Return to Mendoza and accommodation at Hyatt Hotel. Dinner at leisure.

DAY 04: Mendoza

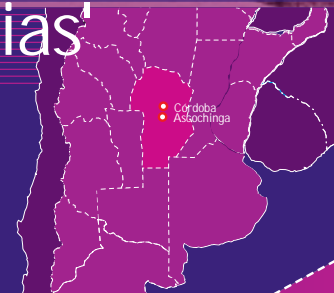
Breakfast at hotel. The city, which dates back to the XVI century, is located in one of the province oasis. A city tour will make it possible to get to know the history and culture of this city, founded by the Spanish colonists more than four centuries ago. Understanding the local culture will definitely mean a better understanding of the wine soul. Go through its tree-lined avenues and its streets bordered by 'acequias' (irrigation ditches) and visit the most important points in the city. Visit afterwards Bodega La Rural, one of the first local wineries, founded in 1895 by an Italian immigrant (Felipe Rutini). Among the most cultivated grapes you can find the white Riesling, Chardonnay, Chenin and Gewürztraminer (the only wine cellar that cultivate this kind of grapes) and the red grapes Merlot, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. It has a wine museum, one of the most important in the world, with an exhibition of elements of the original wine cellar. Lunch at a restaurant in the area. In the afternoon, visit to Bodegas Trapiche and Bodegas López. Bodega Trapiche, one of the biggest in Argentina founded in 1883. It is the first exporter winery of premium Argentine wines. Its vineyards are located in Luján de Cuyo, Maipú, Santa Rosa and San Martín counties, over 700 meters high. The most cultivated grapes are Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Pinot Noir, Tempranilla and Bonarda. Bodega López is one of the most traditional wineries in Argentina. It uses last generation equipment without altering the almost handicraft traditional process which is a hallmark of the winery. It has properties located in Maipú and Luján de Cuyo counties. Among the varieties cultivated you can find: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Pinot Noir, Semillón, Chardonnay and Chenin. Return to the hotel. In the evening, enjoy a superb dinner at Francis Mallmann's '1884' Restaurant, the worldwide renowned chef.

DAY 05: Mendoza

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport to board the flight to Buenos Aires.

NOTE: The cellars chosen to be visited can be changed without previous notice.

»»» The Road of the Jesuit 'Estancias'



5 days

AR 061



DEPARTURES
Daily



GUIDE
Spanish and bilingual
(English - German -
French)



MEALS
According to itinerary



AIR FARE
Not included

Situated in the center of Argentina, the province of Córdoba boasts a unique historical patrimony that has been incorporated to the Mankind Heritage by UNESCO: the Road of the Jesuit 'Estancias'.

DAY 01: Ascochinga

Reception at Córdoba airport and transfer to Estancia La Paz, the old residence of General Roca. You will be able to ride on horseback, ride old carriage, row in the lake, among with other activities. Lunch. In the afternoon visit to Candonga Chapel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner. Accommodation at the estancia.

DAY 02: Ascochinga / Córdoba

Breakfast. Depart towards Estancia Santa Catalina, important cattle ranch (cows, sheeps, mules). Its church is the outstanding element, built in baroque-colonial style. Continue towards Estancia Jesús María, a ranch dedicated to wine production, where you will visit the National Jesuit Museum. The visit follows then to Colonia Caroya, the first ranch bought by the Jesuits in 1616, used afterwards as a holiday resort by the students of Monserrat School. Lunch. Continue to the city of Córdoba, one of the three most important cities in Argentina. Dinner. Accommodation at hotel.

DAY 03: Córdoba

Breakfast. Visit to the Civic Center, the first settlement of the Jesuits in Córdoba and testimony of the Jesuit's Company. Visit the main buildings, educational centers and churches, around which in 1600 the "Estancias Jesuíticas" were settled. Lunch. In the afternoon visit Estancia Alta Gracia, the fourth ranch bought by the Jesuits. It was mainly devoted to the production of looms and the manufacture of bells. In this Estancia it is interesting to visit the church and the 'Tajamar', the oldest dam in the province. Return to the hotel. Dinner.

DAY 04: Córdoba

Breakfast. Departure to visit Estancia La Candelaria which used to be a large cattle ranch. Lunch. Return to the city. Dinner.

DAY 05: Córdoba

Breakfast. Departure to the airport.

Opcional Tour

3 days / 2 nights

In addition to the visit of the Civic Center and other jesuit establishments in Córdoba city, we will visit the estancias of Alta Gracia, Caroya, Jesús María and Santa Catalina.



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