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LAKES & WINES
BUENOS AIRES – WINE COUNTRY – LAKE DISTRICT






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THE ITINERARY

DAY 01- BUENOS AIRES

Arrival transfer from the International airport to the hotel. Accommodation.

2 hour walking tour in the surroundings of the hotel. There are multiple approaches:

- Historic Walk
- Cafes & bookstores
- Architecture of the first days of Buenos Aires
- Buenos Aires Today
- Nature prevails in Buenos Aires.

This Cosmopolitan city can be a superlative introduction to an exploration of Argentina. European in appearance, Buenos Aires can keep any culture-oriented visitor busy indefinitely. Whatever the date of arrival there will be chances to participate in cultural events, or be delighted with the best polo in the world (the national team remains unbeaten for several decades), excellent football / soccer or discover the local gaucho game of “pato”, a sort of basketball on horseback.

Hotel: Casa Calma Wellness hotel www.casacalma.com.ar

Meals: None.

DAY 02 – BUENOS AIRES.




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Morning visit of the city of Buenos Aires. The Four Balconies of Buenos Aires is an exclusive visit in which a guide, professor of the University, uses four parks and plazas to introduce passengers to the city, its history, its everyday life and the peculiar psychology of the “porteño”, the inhabitant of Buenos Aires.

Evening transfer from the hotel to the **Tango Venue** to experience the glamorous dance complemented with a fine dinner.

Hotel: Casa Calma Wellness hotel.

Meals: Breakfast & dinner.

DAY 03 – BUENOS AIRES – MENDOZA

Transfer to the airport to fly to Mendoza via Buenos Aires or direct flight.
Afternoon arrival transfer from the airport to the hotel. Accommodation.
Balance of the day at leisure.

The Andes Mountain Range, true backbone of South America, reaches its highest point, Mt. Aconcagua (23,000 ft) in the Argentine province of Mendoza. A “mecca” for mountain climbing with its two “big peaks” in Argentina ACONCAGUA and its eternal rival the imposing MERCEDARIO, offers countless possibilities of horseback riding, rafting, trekking and hiking at the foot or across the Andes. In addition you may indulge in thermal baths at hot springs and wine tasting in numerous wineries, which are becoming famous all over the world.

Hotel: Hotel Robles de Besares – Std Room. [Www.roblesdebesares.com](http://www.roblesdebesares.com)

Meals: Breakfast.






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DAY 04- FD WINE TOUR MALBEC

Meet at the hotel for a full day visit to the wineries within this region, which is the very heart of the famous Malbec country, with the snow-capped Andes Mountains always in the background. Many of Argentina's most prestigious wineries are located in this area and it is a thirty minute drive from the city centre.

Our first visit is to **ACHAVAL FERRER**, the first Argentinean winery to obtain 96 points in the Spectator. This project is the idea of 6 men; little they do can be described as conventional, but the operation has style and passion and it is evident in every bottle, which is why this talented group has 5 wines at 92, or more points.

From here we travel a short distance to lunch at **BELASCO DE BAQUEDANO**, which has the only sensory room in Argentina; a real treat for those wanting to test their five senses of the dozens of varied scents Argentine wines have to offer.

We lunch in **CAVA DE CANO**, This micro winery is worth a visit just to see how the entire process can be fitted into a garage sized room. Set in a beautiful, colonial style building this is an atmospheric step back in time with underground tanks converted into bottle cellars and dining rooms. Lunch is a spectacular buffet with every type of delicacy.

Our day concludes with a visit to **CARMELLO PATTI**. Given that all winemakers are artists, this man is the personification. He does not advertise his boutique winery in any shape way or form and only makes what his devoted customers actually ask for. Carmelo Patti has been making wine in Mendoza for thirty six year. He buys all of his grapes, but knows where to get the best and gets the best out of them. Here we will learn the true meaning of "cult wine".

*NB: Wineries may change from the listed above; we check services and normally do updates.

Hotel: Robles de Besares - Std Room.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch.

DAY 05- MENDOZA



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Three hour visit of the city of Mendoza, the pride of the mendocinos (the inhabitants of the city) since the area is a desert that –because of the hard work of men and a carefully designed irrigation system- has been transformed into an oasis with beautiful parks and plazas.

The very center of the city is the Independence Park, a beautiful square with pergolas, fountains, gardens and lots of cultural events. Following the 1861 earthquake, the new city was rebuilt around this area. Four additional plazas, San Martín, Chile, Italia, and España, are located within two blocks off each corner of Independence Square.

We then head to the *General San Martín Park* which is almost as big as the city itself. This extends over 350 hectares (865 acres) with 17km (11 miles) of pathways and 300 species of plants and trees (both native and exotic). But the highlight of the visit is to reach the top of Cerro de la Gloria, which offers a panoramic view of the city and surrounding valley, as well as a monument in honor of Jose de San Martin, who liberated Argentina, Chile, and Peru from Spanish domain.

Hotel: Hotel Robles de Besares– Std Room.

Meals: Breakfast.



DAY 06- MENDOZA – BARILOCHE (Direct flights on certain days)

Day at leisure until the time of the transfer to the airport to fly to Bariloche, the heart of the Lake District.




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Meet and greet at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

Afternoon exploration of the city and its surroundings following the so-called Circuito Chico, a panoramic road that connects areas of great beauty, surrounding the city.

Hotel: Design Suites Bariloche – Standard room – www.design.com

Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 07- BARILOCHE .

The city of Bariloche provides an excellent base and easy access to different adventure activities throughout the year. Instead of offering a packaged day-program with fixed itineraries, we offer diverse programs in the diverse environments available in the lake district of Patagonia: desert, forest, high alpine terrain, glacier and lakes. When designing these alternatives, we take in consideration the appropriate level of exertion wanted by our clients, as well as the weather and mountains conditions.

Hotel: Design Suites - Standard Room – www.design.com

Meals: Breakfast & lunch.



DAY 08- BARILOCHE – VILLA LA ANGOSTURA .

Opposite the city of Bariloche we find Villa La Angostura a small village at the foot of Cerro Bayo but also a charming base from where to explore another area of the amazing Nahuel Huapi Lake, the steppe and the starting point of a memorable road which is the so-called Seven Lakes Road.

Transfer from Bariloche to Villa La Angostura in a private car will let us get acquainted with this amazing area.

** Another possibility is to cross the Nahuel Huapi lake on a safe private boat on a unforgettable day! A quite and navigation exploring some isolated beaches, enjoying lunch on board and bathing in the sun. A must do experience!!



Arrival transfer to the Correntoso Hotel.

Hotel: Correntoso – Sup Lake view - www.correntoso.com

Meals: Breakfast & lunch.

DAY 09- VILLA LA ANGOSTURA .

Day at leisure.

We suggest a visit to Trafal, a small village that presides over impressive volcanic landscapes that combine the best of the steppe and the Andean Patagonian Forest. It is located amid mountains at the east end of Lake Trafal. This lake is one of the very few in Argentina that harbour all the species of trout that were first sown in the 1900 (rainbow, brown and brooks, as well as lake). The place is a photographer's paradise with unforgettable images of mountain tops dusted with snow above slopes, and specially beautiful during the Southern autumn due to the varied colours.

Hotel: Correntoso – www.correntoso.com

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10- VILLA LA ANGOSTURA- BARILOCHE – BUENOS AIRES .

Day at leisure until the time for the transfer to the airport in Bariloche to fly to Buenos Aires.

Arrival transfer to the hotel and accommodation.

Hotel: Casa Calma Wellness Hotel. www.casacalma.com

Meals: Breakfast.

DAY 11- BUENOS AIRES .

Day at leisure until the time for the transfer to the International airport.

Meals: Breakfast.

RATES & DETAILS 2011-2012

Rates per person sharing a double room in U\$S Dollars

	2 Pax	4 Pax	6 Pax	Swb Suppl
Std Rooms	\$ 2656	\$ 2274	\$ 2071	\$ 1168
Supplements				
Mendoza Bike & Tasting Zuccardi	\$ 201	\$ 176	\$ 151	
Private Navigation to V. Angostura	\$ 696	\$ 421	\$ 329	
FD Trafal (from. V. Angostura)	\$ 305	\$ 238	o/r	

Rates are valid through Apr 30th, 2012. These rates are NOT valid for the period of **Xmas and New Year's Eve**. Please check with our office.



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The rates include:

Accommodation with breakfast and local taxes at the mentioned hotels.
Transfers in private car with assistance of a bilingual guide for arrival transfers
Tours in private car except for the Tango Show and the Visit of Bariloche.
Assistance of bilingual (English / Spanish) speaking guides.
Entrance fees to National Park.
Meals as per the itinerary without beverages.

The rates do not include:

Airline tickets, airport taxes and local taxes
Meals except the ones mentioned on the itinerary and beverages
Tips for baggage handling and optional gratuities for guides / drivers
Personal expenses.