



# BUENOS AIRES & MENDOZA HIGHLIGHTS

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The cultures, cuisine and outstanding wines of Argentina feature prominently on this bespoke adventure through Buenos Aires and Mendoza.

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# Trip summary

From spectacular and buzzing Buenos Aires to the quiet and charming countryside near Mendoza, Argentina is ideal for guests who like variety, and in particular, for those with a passion for vibrant cultures and exemplary cuisine. On this tailored adventure, you're invited to experience the best of Argentina's bustling capital city and the wines of the charming countryside.

It all begins in Buenos Aires where your private guide will reveal the many different sides of the city, from dazzling architectural feats to lively barrios that give the city its incredible cultural appeal, perhaps best appreciated in colorful La Boca. No trip to Argentina is complete without taking in an evening tango performance, and your experience will be paired with a mouth-watering asado featuring a range of grilled meats.

Leaving behind the frenetic pace of Buenos Aires, you'll be welcomed into the heart of Argentina's wine region, Mendoza. Here, you'll settle in for a memorable dining experience at one of the county's finest establishments before embarking on a private wine tasting tours of the region's premier vineyards, discovering the flavors and aromas that have resulted in Argentina becoming one of the world's largest exporters of vino.

Kensington Tours creates private trips from the world's finest ingredients. Tailor-made with care by your personal Destination Expert, your personalized trip is always a one-of-a-kind experience made just for you. Expert local guidance and 24/7 service come standard.

**SAT, FEB 05, 2022**

Day 1

**BUENOS AIRES**

Here we Go!

- Airport Transfer with Meet & Greet - Private
- The Argentine Experience (with Dinner & Wine, 3.5 hrs)

Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta

Superior Room with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)

**SUN, FEB 06, 2022**

Day 2

**BUENOS AIRES**

See the Signature Sights in Style

- Recoleta, Palermo & Teatro Colon (with Lunch, 7 hrs) - Private
- Tango Show & Dinner at Gala Tango (4.5 hrs)

Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta

Superior Room with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)

MON, FEB 07, 2022

Day 3

✈ **BUENOS AIRES TO MENDOZA TO LUJÁN DE CUYO**

An Evening Out

- Airport Transfer - Private
- Air - Buenos Aires - Mendoza [Direct, 2 hrs] - Separate Purchase
- Airport Transfer - Private
- Francis Mallman's 1884 Restaurant (2-3 hours) - Vehicle/Guide/Driver

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)

TUE, FEB 08, 2022

Day 4

**LUJÁN DE CUYO**

Of Vineyards and Vintages

- Exclusive Luján de Cuyo & Maipu Wineries Tour (with Lunch & Tastings)

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)

WED, FEB 09, 2022

Day 5

**CHACRAS DE CORIA TO LUJÁN DE CUYO**

Hone Your Skills

- Cooking Class at Finca Adalgisa with Cristina Brino (3 hrs, approx) - Shared

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)

THU, FEB 10, 2022

Day 6

**LUJÁN DE CUYO**

Taste and Tipple on a Vineyard Visit

- Flavors & Aromas in Familia Zuccardi Winery Tour (with Lunch)

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)

FRI, FEB 11, 2022

Day 7

**UCO VALLEY TO LUJÁN DE CUYO**

Taste and Tipple on a Vineyard Visit

- Exclusive Uco Valley Wineries (with Lunch & Tastings, 8 hrs) - Private

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)

SAT, FEB 12, 2022

Day 8

**MENDOZA TO LUJÁN DE CUYO**

Venture into the Outdoors

- Biking Through the Vineyards (with Lunch & Wine Tastings, 7 hrs) - Shared
- Dining Suggestion - Restaurante Siete Fuegos

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)

SUN, FEB 13, 2022

Day 9

**MENDOZA TO LUJÁN DE CUYO**

Relax and Recharge

- Entre Cielos Hotel - Optional Activities

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)

MON, FEB 14, 2022

Day 10

✈ MENDOZA TO BUENOS AIRES

Until Next Time...

- Airport Transfer - Private
- Air - Mendoza - Buenos Aires [Direct, 2 hrs ] - Separate Purchase
- Airport Transfer - Private

Depart (Int'l Airport)

4 DBL (8 Adults)

# Trip map



# Trip details



## DAY 1 - SAT, FEB 05, 2022: BUENOS AIRES

### Here we Go!

For your added comfort, an English-speaking guide will be awaiting your arrival outside of Customs with personalized signage. Your representative will then lead you to your private driver and accompany you to your accommodation.

This immersive dining experience offers a lively and delicious introduction to Argentine cuisine and culture in the heart of Palermo, Buenos Aires. You'll be welcomed by a friendly international team who will guide you through each step of the evening.

Start with a glass of Patagonian sparkling wine and a trout tartare appetizer before rolling up your sleeves for some hands-on fun. Craft your own empanada using the traditional *repulgue* technique and prepare a vibrant chimichurri from scratch.

Continue the journey with a series of gourmet tastings: grilled provolone, savory chard fritters, chorizo slices, black sausage rolls, and grilled skirt steak. The main course features a tasting of premium Argentine beef, including slow-braised ossobuco and tenderloin, served with baby potatoes, portobellos, roasted eggplant, and fresh salad.

Finish on a sweet note with a trio of Argentine desserts: *chocotorta*, dulce de leche pancakes, and cheese with quince paste, before learning how to prepare and taste *mate*, Argentina's beloved national drink, paired with homemade *alfajores*.

Private round-trip transfers from your hotel are included.

### Where you're staying

Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta

Superior Room with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)



## DAY 2 - SUN, FEB 06, 2022: BUENOS AIRES

### See the Signature Sights in Style

Spend a day immersing yourself in the beauty of Buenos Aires, accompanied by a knowledgeable private guide. Most visitors to Buenos Aires are struck by the fact that it boasts the glamour of a European city, and nowhere is this more palpable than in Palermo and Recoleta. Your day begins at the splendid Plaza San Martin, right in the heart of Buenos Aires. Designed by French landscape architect Carlos Thays, the plaza is surrounded by some of Buenos Aires' most impressive public structures. Drink in your surrounds as you drive along Alvear Avenue, a sort of smaller-scale Champs Elysées, up to Recoleta cemetery, where generations of the Argentine elite have been buried, including Eva 'Evita' Peron. From here, the journey continues north to Palermo, lined with colonial mansions and cafés, restaurants and boutiques and further divided into trendy, creative, chic and cool areas called Palermo Soho, Palermo Hollywood and Palermo Viejo. Your tour concludes driving down the Avenida 9 de Julio, one of the widest boulevards in the world. En-route, your private guide will introduce you to the spectacular 19th-century Teatro Colón, home to one of the most lavish interiors in the world.



Have a special night out in Buenos Aires and enjoy an exclusive Tango show and dinner at Gala Tango! You will be picked up at your hotel in a private vehicle by a professional driver and a bilingual tour guide. Gala Tango offers you one of the best shows in Buenos Aires and a Gourmet À la carte dinner consisting of grilled Argentinian meat and international dishes accompanied by great wines from Mendoza. A brief (15 minutes) Tango lesson will also be available to guests arriving early.

### Where you're staying

Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta

Superior Room with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)



## DAY 3 - MON, FEB 07, 2022: BUENOS AIRES TO MENDOZA TO LUJÁN DE CUYO

### An Evening Out

Meet your professional driver and English-speaking guide for a domestic airport transfer.

Fly from Buenos Aires to Mendoza. The flight duration is approximately two hours. Flights are subject to change based on availability and are a separate purchase.

Enjoy a transfer between the airport and your hotel in downtown



Mendoza with your private guide and driver.

Enjoy a private round-trip transfer with private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide to the famous Francis Mallman restaurant in Mendoza. Dinner is at your own expense.

Francis Mallmann is one of Latin America's preeminent chefs and his restaurants are well known for being stylish and elegant. Many say, he is a cook, but his sense of taste extends far beyond food on a plate.

Bon Appetite!

### **Where you're staying**

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)



## **DAY 4 - TUE, FEB 08, 2022: LUJÁN DE CUYO**

### **Of Vineyards and Vintages**

Today you'll have the opportunity to explore several wineries in the towns of either Luján de Cuyo or Maipu, just outside of Mendoza city. Not only will you be able to appreciate the beauty of this iconic landscape, but you'll also be able to witness the remarkable efforts made to cultivate this desert into a world renowned wine region. You'll be able to sample the various wines of each property, learn the history surrounding the development of each producer, as well as enjoy a three step lunch at one of the wineries.

Three wineries will be selected for your visit depending on time of booking and availability. If you have any particular interest in a specific producer, please do mention this to your Destination Expert as soon as possible and we will do our absolute best to fulfill your wishes.

Here are some of the possible options and please keep in mind they cannot be guaranteed:

**Achaval-Ferrer:** A small winery because this is the key to top quality. Low yields allow the vineyards to express their personality in the grapes. Low intervention winemaking allows the grapes to fully express their vineyard in the bottle. Each of their wines is a different expression of Malbec.

**Susana Balbo Wines:** Establishing herself as Argentina's first female enologist, Balbo has played a significant role in promoting Argentine Malbec wines globally. She recognized the potential of Malbec as Argentina's flagship grape and worked towards elevating its reputation. Her Malbec wines have received critical acclaim and have contributed to the rise of Argentine wines worldwide.

**Trapiche:** With a rich history dating back to its establishment in 1883. Trapiche is one of the oldest and most traditional wineries in Mendoza. Over the years, it has become synonymous with quality winemaking and has played a significant role in shaping the Argentine



wine industry.

### **Where you're staying**

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)



## **DAY 5 - WED, FEB 09, 2022: CHACRAS DE CORIA TO LUJÁN DE CUYO**

### **Hone Your Skills**

By using typical ingredients Cristina cooks unique plates generating harmony between the regional products she uses. She works with fresh products only and some of them are cultivated and recently harvested at the Finca's green garden. You will learn to prepare typical regional food consisting of fresh product which you can obtain easily in any place of the world. Prepare "empanadas mendocinas" in the clay oven. Then continue making meat and vegetables on the open re with fresh chumichurri sauce based on Arauco olive oil from the Finca itself. Finally the class will end with a dessert: caramelized fruit from the clay oven, topped with herbs from the Finca. The food you prepare during the cooking class, can be easily made at home in a conventional kitchen. At last you will receive a Finca Adalgisa apron as a reminder of your cooking class at Finca Adalgisa.

### **Where you're staying**

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)



## **DAY 6 - THU, FEB 10, 2022: LUJÁN DE CUYO**

### **Taste and Tittle on a Vineyard Visit**

On this tour, you will learn how the Zuccardi Family Winery produces its prestigious wines. Travelling through rural paved roads, you can appreciate farms, irrigation systems and the picket fences that surround the vineyards. Upon arrival, a winemaker will be waiting to walk with you through part of their farms and to lead a fun course where you will learn all about the culture of wine. At the end of the tour, you will visit the home where a delicious lunch awaits. After lunch, depart for a city tour of Mendoza. At the end of the tour, return to your hotel.





### **Where you're staying**

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)



## **DAY 7 - FRI, FEB 11, 2022: UCO VALLEY TO LUJÁN DE CUYO**

### **Taste and Tipple on a Vineyard Visit**

Located approximately 60 minutes south of the city of Mendoza, the Uco Valley encompasses the highest altitude of Mendoza vineyards. Uco Valley is legendary for its Malbec, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Semillon, and Torrontes production. Savor the valley's libations in a full-day tour through a couple of its finest wineries. Visits and tastings are done in small groups, while your private guide and driver introduce you to the unspoiled beauty of the Andes where you'll be swept up in the tradition of the Old World and the excitement of the New World. Immerse yourself in a land of colorful roads and majestic views of the Cordón del Plata. Today's selection of wineries will be based on availability but each one offers its one stunning scenery and decadent selection of reds and whites.



### **Where you're staying**

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)





## DAY 8 - SAT, FEB 12, 2022: MENDOZA TO LUJÁN DE CUYO

### Venture into the Outdoors

An original and enjoyable way to discover the vineyards, the wineries, and the amazing wine region of Luján de Cuyo”. The main goal of this activity is to enjoy a tour outdoors surrounded by the unique scenery of the Andes and the vineyards. You will get to know two different wineries and their vineyards. In all wineries, guided tours will be provided, and also several tastings of the well known wines they produce. At the end of the tour, in the last winery, a first class lunch with matching wines will be served. The tour starts at 9 am, with pick-up at your hotel.



This evening, enjoy dinner (not included) at Siete Fuegos. Meaning “Seven Fires,” it describes Francis Mallmann’s honed collection of open-flame cooking techniques, inspired by Argentine gauchos and European immigrants, and refined over hundreds of years.

Savor the rustic, fiery flavors of specialties including nine-hour slow-grilled rib eye, cast-iron baked salt-encrusted salmon, grilled seasonal fruits, and more, paired with award-winning boutique wines. The hotel also offers fabulous options for kosher guests, as well as vegetarians and vegans.

Dine indoors or out, or enjoy a front row seat in the open kitchen where you can watch these artisans of fire create impassioned Argentine fare. Reservations will be required well in advance, and your meal is not included. Typically, three-course meals (drinks excluded) cost approximately \$100 USD per person.

### Where you’re staying

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)



## DAY 9 - SUN, FEB 13, 2022: MENDOZA TO LUJÁN DE CUYO

### Relax and Recharge

Today is at leisure, so choose from one of the many activities available at your hotel, the choice is yours!

Optional Activities offered: guided tours of vineyards and private tastings, bicycle trails, outdoor pool (seasonal and free of charge) swimming in the olympic size swimming pool (free of charge), yoga, fitness with a personal trainer, cycling, bird-watching, climbing, fishing, hiking, golf, horseback riding, kayaking, rafting, mountain



biking, jogging (jogging path around the hotel; free of charge), snowshoeing, wind-surfing, organized excursions.

**Where you're staying**

Entre Cielos

Standard Room (Classic) with Breakfast, 4 DBL (8 Adults)

**DAY 10 - MON, FEB 14, 2022: MENDOZA TO BUENOS AIRES**

Until Next Time...

Enjoy a transfer between the airport and your hotel in downtown Mendoza with your private guide and driver.

Domestic flight from Mendoza to Buenos Aires. The flight duration is approximately 2 hour. Flights are subject to change based on availability and are a separate purchase.

Enjoy a private transfer between Buenos Aires International and Domestic airports (or vice versa) with a professional driver and English-speaking guide.

**Where you're staying**

Depart (Intl Airport)

# Ask Leslie about these options



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Argentine & Latin American Art  
(5 hrs) - Vehicle/Guide/Driver



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Estancia La Sofia Ranch Tour  
(with Lunch, 8 hrs) - Private



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Tango Lesson (1 hr) - Private



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1/2 Day Panoramic City Tour -  
Vehicle/Guide/Driver

# Accommodation



## BUENOS AIRES

### Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta

Located in the sophisticated neighborhood of Recoleta, characterized by its neoclassical architecture, Sofitel Buenos Aires stands out in stark contrast thanks to its contemporary style and its imposing brick façade. This upscale hotel highlights the best of European heritage, inspired by its Argentine roots. Nestled close to the city's enticing attractions, Sofitel Buenos Aires boasts modern, spacious guest rooms and a restaurant, bar, patisserie, wine cellar, heated swimming pool, fitness center, and garden. The hotel is located opposite the Patio Bullrich shopping mall and just a block away from the prestigious Avenida Alvear and its international luxury stores.

#### Room: Superior Room

The Superior Room (averages 388 sq.ft) comes fully-equipped with a Sofitel MyBed, a large bathroom with a separate shower and tub, 32" flat screen TV, WIFI internet access, a minibar and tea and coffee making facilities.



## LUJÁN DE CUYO

### Entre Cielos

Welcome to a land of sunshine and fine wine. Entre Cielos lies in the beautiful Mendoza region in the foothills of the Andes. The hotel's modern design creates an elegant, poetic environment, respectfully integrated into the magnificent Argentinian landscape. Your senses will be stimulated to fully relax and recharge the body and soul. Entre Cielos has 16 individually designed luxury rooms including a floating wine loft above the vineyard. The land surrounding the hotel produces the world's finest Malbec wines and you can celebrate and enjoy wine any and every moment. Entre Cielos provides a unique combination of experiences, paired with impeccable service and a touch of Swiss style, that ensures every stay is unforgettable.

#### Room: Standard Room (Classic)

"Classic" is used to describe clean, traditional wines. Classics are honest, unique and with bold colors and a welcoming aroma. A sense of strength, joie-de-vivre and style characterize the Classic Standard Rooms all named after aromas beginning with C: Castañas, Casis, Cardamomo and Canela. All Classic Standard Rooms include a private terrace, complimentary Wi-Fi access, air conditioning, a flat-screen



TV, as well as a private bathroom with toiletries, robes and slippers.

# The fine print

- **A Kensington Tours Special Promotion:**<sup>†</sup>

If you book a trip with Kensington Tours Ltd. (“Kensington Tours”) between May 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time and November 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (“Booking Guarantee Window”), your trip qualifies for our Book Risk-Free, Guaranteed offer. See details below:

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More Flexibility for Changes. If you notify Kensington Tours up to 7 days prior to your departure date of your intention to change your trip dates or make a destination change, you will receive a 100% travel credit to be applied against your changed trip booked by Kensington Tours, provided that it is of the same or greater value. You are responsible for any amounts owing on your changed Kensington Tours trip that exceed the 100% credit amount.

Air Coverage. Air is included in this offer if (i) air was booked through Kensington Tours, and (ii) if the air booking is with an airline that is identified by Kensington Tours as a participating airline (American Airlines, British Airways, Iberia, Qantas, Japan Airlines, and Finnair) at the time of booking.

Exclusions. Any services, including air, booked by a third party other than Kensington Tours are not included in the offer. Yacht charters booked with Kensington Tours are excluded. Your trip is non-exchangeable and non-refundable at 7 days or less prior to your departure date.

*<sup>†</sup>During the Booking Guarantee Window, this special promotion replaces and supersedes the cancellation terms set forth in Kensington Tours’ Terms & Conditions. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this Special Promotion and our Terms & Conditions, this Special Promotion shall govern. We reserve the right to change the terms of this special promotion at any time.*

## Terms and Conditions:

- Your deposit is due immediately on booking (30% of program price). The balance is due 90 days prior to your departure date.
- Cancellations of confirmed bookings 90 days or more prior to the original departure date will receive a full refund less any non-refundable paid fees (e.g. non-refundable airfare, cruise or hotel deposits). 30 days or more prior to new departure date will receive full refund minus 25% of the program price and any non-refundable paid fees (e.g. non-refundable airfare, cruise or hotel deposits). 29 days or less prior to new departure date will be subject to loss of 100% of program price.
- Tour quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip start point unless noted on the itinerary
- Cost increases in currency exchange, government fees, taxes, surcharges or hotel/lodge tariff increases between quote date and start date are payable by the client.
- Availability cannot be guaranteed until booked. We will exercise best efforts to book hotels per the itinerary, however, in busy seasons and with client bookings made within 90 days of tour date we may be forced to offer substitutes.
- Payment of the program price constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out at [www.privateguided.com/terms-and-conditions](http://www.privateguided.com/terms-and-conditions)
- Living Standards and practices at destination may differ from those in North America with respect to provisions of utilities, services and accommodation.

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