

## Optional Argentina Extensions

**M**endoza, two hours by plane from Buenos Aires, is the heart of Argentina's wine country, where European settlers introduced the ancient craft of winemaking in the 19th century. Mendoza is a city of parks and tree-lined streets, sidewalk cafes and many wine bars and restaurants. Nestled at the feet of the Andes, it is also a center for active tourism, offering world-class hiking, biking and river rafting, just a short driving distance from Mendoza. Mendoza has a semi-arid climate. The winters (June-Sept) are cold (mid-30s to low 60s F), and then a burst of spring (Oct-Nov) heralds the warm summer with cool nights and warm days, tempered by the proximity to the Andes. Mendoza averages less than 10 inches of rain per year, and agriculture relies on irrigation.



### Mendoza, Argentina

3 Days/2 Nights

Rates Per Person Hotel Selection	2-Day Tour			Extra Nights		
	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl
Reina Victoria Hotel	\$220	485	200	\$ 75	150	65
Park Hyatt - Standard	\$480	1005	n/a	\$205	410	n/a
Andes View King	\$560	1165	n/a	\$245	490	n/a
Lares de Chacra - Classic	\$285	585	280	\$ 98	180	92
Special	\$300	645	295	\$105	210	100

**Rates include:** Two nights accommodations in hotel of choice, round-trip airport transfers via private car/van with guide, and a half-day motorcoach Mendoza City Tour. Rates are not valid for Easter Week or Christmas/New Year Week. Airfares NOT INCLUDED.



### Suggested Optional Mendoza Day Tours

Half-day Villavicencio Tour (WED/FRI/SAT only)	\$ 49
Half-day Wine Cellars & Dam Tour	45
Full-day Atuel Canyon Tour with lunch (THU/SUN only)	109
Full-day High Mountains Tour with lunch	100
One-way scenic motorcoach Mendoza/Santiago or v/v (6 hours)	65

**Note:** Winery tours are all quoted via private car/van with a private guide, and prices are available upon request. The price basis two people averages \$150 per person for a full-day tour with tastings and lunch included.

### Vineyards

Mendoza is home to more than a thousand wineries. Here are a couple of the most important to visit:

#### Catena Zapata

Dr. Nicolas Catena, a Columbia University-trained economist and associate of Robert Mondavi, is widely credited with bringing Argentine wines to the world. His vineyards produce some of South America's most highly decorated wines, including the Nicolas Catena Zapata and the well-priced Los Alamos, now hugely popular in the U.S. Catena Zapata has one of the most recognizable vineyards in all Mendoza, a replica of a Mayan Temple called La Pirámide.

#### Zuccardi Family

The Zuccardi vineyard offers one of the most impressive tours in Mendoza, which concludes with a mouth-watering asado in a glass-covered patio and open-aired veranda nestled deep inside the vineyard. Each course of the lunch features a different Zuccardi blend; don't make afternoon plans.

### Chacras de Coria

Chacras de Coria is a small, boutique town 15 km south of Mendoza, tucked into the foothills of the Andes and in the heart of the wine country. Chacras is renowned for its particular microclimate, with its cool mountain air, green vineyards and ranches, and purple mountains. Every Sunday afternoon you can find crafts and antiques in the town square, also musicians and puppeteers every week, to entertain visitors. The village is full of gastronomic delights, with boutique restaurants and wine bars.



### Lares de Chacras

Lares de Chacras is a boutique hotel founded by the Day family, who started working on their dream in 2004. The Day family has lived for generations in Chacras de Coria, and the most important thing for the Day family is that guests feel at home. The country style house reflects the art of combining Andean stone with typical desert wood, bringing out a natural, simple and modern look. The minute any guest walks in, they see a hand-made window showing the view of a wine cellar covered in stone and logs beams - the perfect atmosphere for tasting the best wines from Mendoza. There are wide log beams in every room, showing good taste and warmth in the country décor. The natural environment is seen through all windows and doors, a typical view for Chacras de Coria, the galleries, the park, swimming pool and hot tub.



### Iguazu Falls, Argentina

2 Days/1 Night

Rates Per Person Hotel Selection	2-Day Tour			Extra Nights		
	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl
Sheraton International						
MAY, JUN, AUG, SEP						
Jungle View	\$430	855	415	\$190	380	169
Falls View Room	\$510	1015	425	\$230	460	190
APR, JUL, OCT-FEB 28, 2008						
Jungle View	\$470	930	405	\$210	420	180
Falls View Room	\$570	1150	325	\$260	530	139

**Rates include:** Round-trip airport transfers and a half-day self-guided tour of the Argentine side of the falls including the Devil's Throat excursion. Rates are not valid for Easter Week or Christmas/New Year Week. Airfares NOT INCLUDED.

