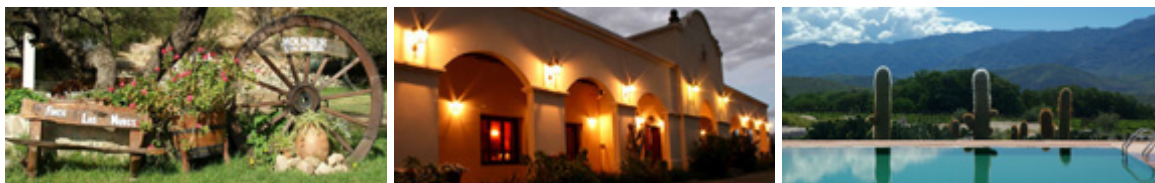




## WINE ROUTE OF THE CALCHAQUI VALLEYS

We visit the vineyards of Cafayate, Molinos and Cachi tasting exquisite wines such as in the Cafayate Wine Resort, Bodegas Nanni, José Luis Mounier or Colomé.



7 days - 6 nights

- ✓ Accommodation and breakfast- Double Room
- ✓ Transfer IN OUT APT/HTL/APT
- ✓ Regular Tours with Spanish & English Guide.
- ✓ Permanent Coordination

### Itinerary

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#### Salta

Reception and transfer from Airport to Hotel Salta. Free afternoon.



#### From Salta to Cafayate

We take a 3hr journey from Salta to Cafayate, an enchanting town set amongst the green mountains and curious geological formations of different colours. It has an ideal climate that promotes these landscapes and the exquisite Cafayate wines. On arrival we book into the Cafayate Wine Resort Hotel that has impacting views of the mountains and the vineyards. Here it is possible to take walks or a bicycle to get to know the surroundings.

We eat in the hotel. The combination of the people, the local foods such as cheeses and dulces, the landscapes and the wines make this one of the most visited and respected localities of Salta. This is complemented by characteristic architecture, a plaza full of colourful flowers, quiet streets and museums that make this city so graceful and pretty.



#### Cafayate Vineyards

We breakfast in the hotel. We visit the most important vineyards of Cafayate where at Esteco we take a guided tour of the establishment where we can see the processes of production and sample its wine.

We then visit the Yacochuya vineyard where the red wines are produced from grapes cultivated at more than 2000 metres and after a tour of the facilities we can have lunch there with the proprietors or at the Finca las Nubes(clouds) of José Luis Munier. In the evening we dine at a restaurant selected for its local dishes such as tamales, the tasty Salta empanadas and lamb.



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#### **Molinos, Angastaco, Estancia Colomé**

Breakfast in the hotel. We take a four hour journey of approximately 300kms to Molinos during which we pass some beautiful landscapes and towns such as San Carlos, one of the oldest towns of the Province that still conserves its colonial houses mostly built of clay and brick and its parched streets.

Another is the valley town of Angastaco next to the river of the same name. It has an attractive contrast between the green of the crops and the sandy soil of the valleys. We arrive at Molinos, a little town founded in the middle of the 17th century in the Calchaquí valleys. Its streets and houses lie between the attractively coloured hills and mountains which contain reserves of vicuñas, reared for their wool, and is ideal for horseriding or walking. We book into the Hacienda de Molinos hotel where we have included lunch.

In the afternoon, after a rest, we make a visit to the Estancia Colomé some 20kms from Molinos. Apart from being a vineyard, it is a luxury hotel noted for its peacefulness. Here we tour the vineyard and taste some of its wines. The climate here is very dry with little rain during the summers which makes it an ideal microclimate for cultivation and production of very tasteful wines. We can also visit the James Turrel Art Museum. We then return to the hotel.

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#### **Cachi**

Breakfast in the hotel. We prepare to take a trip of 48kms to the beautiful locality of Cachi. On our way we pass by the old town of Seclantás located on the banks of the river Calchaquí where we find the 'Camino de los Artesanos'. Here we can appreciate the marvelous garments made from the wool of llamas and vicuñas such as blankets, ponchos, tapestries and overcoats amongst others.

We follow our route to Cachi observing imposing mountains and fissures surrounded by intense green contrasting against the blue sky that makes it a beautiful journey. On arrival we have lunch at the vineyard of Alberto Durand that is situated at 2490 metres that sits in the microclimate produced by the Cachi valley. In the afternoon after a tour of the vineyard we return to Salta, a distance of 162kms, to arrive at the Ayres de Salta hotel. Afterwards we have the rest of the day free to walk around the city or just relax

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#### **Salta**

We breakfast in the hotel. We then take a city tour to visit the buildings and places most representative of the city, such as the Cabildo, the Cathedral, the San Francisco church, the Alta Montaña museum. Here we can see old furniture and figures made in silver and the remains of the three Inca children mummified in the Llullailaco Volcano. These are 500 years old and were conserved in the ice at 6700 metres.

We also go to the San Bernardo mountain where we can have a good panoramic view of the city and the artisanal market where you can buy gifts from Salta amongst other attractive items. In the late afternoon we take a farewell drink at the 'Fuiste Uva Wine bar', a wine bar that has more than 800 different wines from the most important vineyards and regions in the world.

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#### **Salta - Buenos Aires**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport of Salta. Reception at Jorge Newbery Airport in Buenos Aires. Transfer to Ministro Pistarini (Ezeiza) International Airport.