

## **SALTA - THE NORTHERN WINE TRAIL OF ARGENTINA**

The most important region in the Province of Salta is Cafayate: a valley surrounded by mountain ranges, with an average height of 1,700m over sea level, more than 300 sunny days a year and thermal amplitude that may reach 18° C.

The dry weather, the wide thermal amplitude between day and night and the irrigation of the rivers of the area together with the underground water layers make up a micro-climate of special features.

The typical variety of the area is the Torrontés. This is the wine that, as a varietal, enabled Cafayate to transcend, even if the area is also proper for varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Syrah and Chardonnay.

It is significant to point out some new undertakings located at higher points in the world: Yacochuya, 2,000m and Colomé, 2,300m.



### **DAY 01: SALTA**

Meet your local guide upon arrival to Salta Airport.

Salta, located in Northern Argentina with its variety of climates makes any season pleasant to visit it. Salta is an invitation to adventure. Valleys and gullies, jungle and mountains, draw a map of challenges to discover the practice of unconventional sports as well as to get close to nature. The tourist landscapes and routes that can be enjoyed in each one of its regions are very diverse and incomparable: going through the merciless and frozen Puna, crossing smooth and cozy valleys arriving to the splendor of the rainforest with its ferocious tropical climate.



## City Tour Salta.

Salta has a unique architectural style since the colonial time, stating that with its numerous buildings that still conserve its valuable style. To walk along the beautiful 9 de Julio Square, Salta Cathedral, the houses with wooden balconies, the Cabildo de Salta, national monument and historical museum (one of the best conserved government houses in Argentina), all of this located between magnificent mountains, such as San Bernardo, that may be visited with a cable railway. The fierceness of the Incas, their special relation with the death, their way of cultivating the earth, their musical rhythms and the particular intonation found in the Spanish spoken in this area; are a present and alive legacy, not just museum pieces.



Overnight at Hotel of your choice in Salta

### **DAY 02: SALTA / CACHI/MOLINOS /COLOME**

After an early breakfast you will head off to Cachi.

The town of Cachi is found in the Salta Province, in Northern Argentina. The Natives initially mistook the top of the nearby Nevado Hill for a salt mine, so they named the town Cachi, which is the local word for salt. This virgin area is now called the Chalchaqui Valleys of Salta and is quite remote. It takes around 4 hours by car, some of it unpaved, to get to Cachi.



Cachi is a site for both those interested in history and in the splendor of nature. The town offers an array of masterful architectural structures from pristine white buildings of colonial aristocracy to modest adobe houses. Walk among the quiet streets, and take in the slow pace of life of the village and the region.

Then continue to Colomé Winery visiting Molinos Town on route.

Overnight at Colomé State and Winery

### **DAY 03: COLOME/CAFAYATE**

Today after breakfast visit the winery and enjoy the place.

Having been for only 3 years in the hands of Hess Group Switzerland, which also owns vineyards in Napa Valley, South Africa, and



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Australia, Colomé has successfully imposed its wines with the particular mark of the Calchaquí Valleys. Even though it brags about being the most ancient winemaker in the country, as it dates back from 1831, and also one of the highest after Tacuil, the new generation of Colomé wines is more than promising.

In the afternoon you will head to Cafayate through Quebrada de las Flechas.

Cafayate is a whitewashed town set in the middle of a wine-producing region. In Cafayate, you may tour the archaeological museum or the wine museum. Cafayate's high altitude, rich soil, and humid climate offer the perfect conditions for the vineyards that surround the city.

The wineries in this region have won international awards for their Cabernet, Chardonnay, Malbec, and Torrontés wines. The last of these, Torrontés, has a bold, fruity taste, and it is perhaps the best-known wine from Cafayate.

Overnight at Selected Hotel in Cafayate

## **DAY 04: CAFAYATE**

Visit vineyards and Wine Tasting at Local Wineries .

El Porvenir de los Andes Winery, was founded in 1890 by a family of Italian immigrants that settled in Cafayate Valley. In 1999 the winery was purchased by a local family, with deep roots and interest in this region. Since then, large investments have been made in infrastructure and in technology, as well as the addition of newly planted vineyards. The older vineyards, which date back 40 years, were pruned and cultivated to rejuvenate productive growth.

La Casa de la Bodega – Peña Veyrat Durbex  
The Farm started hundreds of years ago but who planted the first vineyards of Torrontés grapes in the area in 1975, at the traditional historical center, were the owners who manufactured a “patero” wine, appraised nowadays.  
Today, Peña Veyrat Durbex family, who bought the land in 2001, have as their main objective to manufacture authentic wines from the Cafayate



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Valley and to highlight those properties that the land, the weather and our care in all the process give to the final product.

Finca Las Nubes Mounier Winery, Eleven years old, this boutique winery makes affordable and wonderful wines. Its export ratio: 90% of the production remains within the country while a tiny 10% is exported. Since the winery makes a mere 50,000 bottles annually.

The winery opens up to friends, visitors, and family during their annual harvest, where everyone picks grapes followed by a big celebratory dinner in the evening.

Overnight at Selected Hotel in Cafayate.

## **DAY 05: CAFAYATE / SALTA AIRPORT**

After breakfast you will visit the most important attraction near town. La Quebrada de Cafayate, a group of strange red sandstone formations eroded by wind and water. On the way to visit this natural wonder, note the giant cacti dotting the landscape. Malbec Wine Tasting accompanied with an assorted cheese tray to enjoy on route to Salta Airport.

## **END OF SERVICES**

