

Amazing Argentina

March 20 – April 2, 2014



Join ROMtravel on a voyage for the mind, body and soul in Argentina. You will experience the best of Argentina: culture, food, wine and some of the most magnificent scenery in the world.

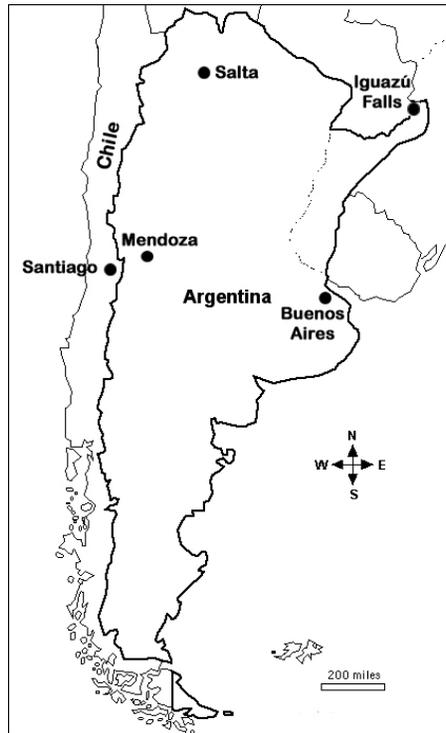
The trip begins with a bonus. We fly first to Santiago, Chile where we tour the historic city centre, take a trip up San Cristobel Hill, visit some outstanding museums and sample Chilean food with wine.

To enter Argentina we drive one of the most spectacular highways in the world through the Andes and arrive at the famous wine district of Mendoza where we will enjoy wine tastings, amazing food and architecture. We stay at a posada located in the vineyards in the Uco valley.

Next we fly to Salta, the most beautifully preserved colonial city in Argentina. It presents a sunny mix of colonial architecture, friendly people, and the colourful history of the Spanish period. Mummies, relics of Inca sacrifices, represent an earlier period of history. The surreal landscape of Salta province features multicoloured canyons that change colour with the light, mountains, and a vast Andean salt desert.

Our next stop is the incomparable UNESCO World Heritage Site of Iguazú Falls where we will walk in lush tropical forest full of butterflies and flowering trees to see falls as high as Victoria and wider than Niagara. Iguazú was just voted one of the seven new Natural Wonders of the World. We will be able to get close enough by boat to be soaked by spray.

Finally, we enjoy the best of civilization in Buenos Aires with a sensory feast of the tango, art, history, and fine food. We visit charming San Telmo's cobbled alleys, a real South American local fair and market off the tourist track, the resplendent 19th century Teatro Colón opera house, and the palace, grave and museum of Evita. We see the sultry tango in a café while having dinner and drinks in a city that is culturally fiery hot and never sleeps. We taste some of the best beef in the world at a gaucho's estancia in the Pampas.



Tour Itinerary & Highlights

Day 1 Santiago

Individual arrivals in Santiago. City tour: Plaza de Armas; Cathedral; San Cristobel hill. Welcome dinner with Chilean wines.

Day 2 Santiago

Pre-Columbian Art and National History museums. Bellas Artes neighbourhood

Day 3 Santiago-Mendoza

One of the most scenic drives in the world, the Andes via Aconcagua valley. Wine tasting with lunch.

Day 4 Mendoza-Uco Valley

Day trip to the wine growing area of Lujan de Cuyo, in sight of Cordón del Plata Mountains; tastings with the owner of a small vineyard.

Day 5 Uco Valley

Wine tours and lunch with wine pairings at a vineyard. Dinner at a small family restaurant.

Day 6 Uco Valley-Salta

Archeological museum.

Day 7 Humahuaca Canyon

UNESCO World Heritage site. Town of Purmamarca.

Day 8 Salta-Iguazú Falls

Walk around the upper and lower falls.

Day 9 Iguazú Falls

Walking and boat tour of falls area.

Day 10 Iguazú Falls-Buenos Aires

Fortabat Gallery.

Day 11 Buenos Aires

Feria Mataderos, a local gaucho fair. Evita museum.



Day 12 Buenos Aires

City tour: San Telmo; Plaza de Mayo; Recoleta cemetery; Teatro Colón. Evening tango dinner performance.

Day 13 Buenos Aires

Farewell dinner at Estancia El Ombu de Areco with traditional beef dinner and Argentine wines.

Day 14 Buenos Aires-Toronto

Individual departures from Buenos Aires.

Hotels

Santiago	La Reve, 2 nights
Mendoza	Park Hyatt, 1 night
Uco Valley	Posada Salantein, 2 nights
Salta	Legado Mitico, 2 nights
Iguazú Falls	Sheraton, 2 nights
Buenos Aires	Sofitel, 4 nights

ROMtravel Coordinator

Eric Morrison is a ROM volunteer, with wide experience as a world traveller in his various roles as a journalist with CTV News and past president of The Canadian Press news agency.

Tour Escort

Lewie Gonsalves is President of Worldwide Quest International Inc., and has organized ROMtravel tours to India, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Peru.

Tour Cost

Double Occupancy	\$ 8,975
Single Supplement	2,350

International flights are NOT included.

Tour starts at Santiago airport.

Tour ends at Buenos Aires airport.

Photos

- Dancing the tango, courtesy of El QUERANDI.
- The Union Falls at Iguazú, courtesy of Yolande Baldachin.

Terms & Conditions

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International flight costs to/from Toronto are NOT included.

Worldwide Quest can assist in booking international flights.

Tour Cost Includes

- Airport arrival/departure transfers for those on recommended flights.
- Domestic flights: Mendoza/Salta/Iguazú/ Buenos Aires.
- Portage of one standard sized suitcase per person.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe bus for transfers and excursions as per itinerary.
- Accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities.
- Meals: breakfast daily; 7 lunches; 9 dinners with wine. All meals include coffee or tea. Bottled water on the bus.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes & tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotels, restaurants & guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel & local taxes.
- Services of a ROMtravel Coordinator, a Tour Escort, and English-speaking local guides.
- Pre-trip orientations, a travel handbook, and a post-trip reunion.
- Services of Worldwide Quest International Inc.

Not Included

- International flight costs. Airline baggage fees where applicable.
- Chilean entry fee at Santiago airport, if applicable.
- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls, internet.
- Meals, snacks, and beverages unless specified.
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of February 1, 2013. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Worldwide Quest (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the price accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. Individual annual membership is \$97; family annual membership is \$149 (if both partners join the tour, only one needs to be a member). Non-resident family annual membership (outside L/M postal zones) is \$102. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Deposits and Final Payment

A non-refundable deposit of \$800.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Optional trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance, and single supplement are also payable at this time. **A second deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is due September 20, 2013. The balance of payment, \$6,675.00, is due December 20, 2013.**

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made. Worldwide Quest and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care or attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Worldwide Quest. **All payments are non-refundable.** Optional trip cancellation insurance may provide compensation in the event of cancellation. No refund will be issued for unused services. No claim or refund will be considered unless submitted in writing and received by Worldwide Quest within 30 days of the termination of the tour.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return is required. Neither Worldwide Quest nor ROMtravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents.

ROMtravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the Trip Handbook unless you advise NOT to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMtravel and the Travel Agency, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Insurance

Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is underwritten by RBC Insurance. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. Taxes are included in the quoted prices. The rates quoted below are subject to change until insurance policy is issued.

Based on accommodation in double occupancy room					
Age	Deluxe	Non-Medical	Age	Deluxe	Non-Medical
To 59	\$509.76	\$467.64	65- 69	\$758.16	\$644.76
60- 64	\$631.80	\$555.12	70- 74	\$959.04	\$743.04

For single accommodation or for those aged 75 and over, or for other non-comprehensive coverage, please contact Worldwide Quest.

Royal Ontario Museum Responsibility

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Worldwide Quest and their agents act only as agents for the passengers with respect to services supplied to passengers by others, including but not limited to transportation, hotel and restaurant services, on the express condition that they are not liable for any failure in such services, or injury, loss or damage, delay or inconvenience arising out of or in connection with any defect in any vehicle or any act, omission, accident or error in providing such transportation, hotel, restaurant or other services. There is no refund for unused portions of the tour. In case of an accident occurring during the land portion of any tour, the passenger must submit any claim therefore only to the competent judicial authorities of the jurisdiction where such accident occurred, to be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of such jurisdiction. By accepting the coupons and tickets and utilizing the services, the passenger agrees that neither the Royal Ontario Museum nor Worldwide Quest nor any affiliated or subsidiary companies or representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to the passenger or belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services or resulting directly from any occurrences beyond its control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation or changes in itinerary or schedules, etc. Worldwide Quest and its agents reserve the right to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all of the tour or portions thereof. All tour services including, but not limited to hotel accommodations, restaurants, guide services and transportation are furnished by independent contractors.

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