

Mendoza Area Day Tours

Below we list other day tour options for you to choose from

Mendoza Walking Tour 3 Hours - Private basis.

Departure time: 10:00/ 16:00hs - Estimated arrival time: 13:00/ 19:00hs.

Includes: Bilingual guide, snacks.

There is much to see and enjoy while walking the streets of Mendoza; known for a harmony between the natural beauty of mountains, rivers and vineyards, surrounding the buildings, plazas and parks of this charming city. Beginning with the history of the city, best explained while strolling through one of the four main central plazas, we will soon move on to the San Martin Park, one of the most important “urban green” areas in Argentina. Designed by Carlos Thays, the park was created in 1896 and contains incredible sculptures, a lake, university campus and gardens planted with over 5,000 rose stems., so a walk through this park, the pride of the city, is an absolute must.

Next, it is on to some of Mendoza’s many shopping districts, from the enormous shopping malls filled with restaurants and high-end stores to the many markets and boutiques offering traditional regional crafts; there is something for everyone in this beautiful city.

Mendoza City tour - 3 hours – Sightseeing. Private visit.

Mendoza is a picturesque town, graced with leafy plazas and boulevards that nestle alongside pretty parks and bustling markets. This city tour gives you an excellent introduction to its top highlights, starting with a discovery of the history of Mendoza via the four main plazas.

We’ll move on from the heart of the city to the shopping and financial districts, and of course the tour wouldn’t be complete without stopping at the famous San Martin Park, which is often thought of as the most beautiful public park in Latin America.

Designed by Carlos Thays, the park was created in 1896 and has since extended, currently covering an area of 389 hectares. It contains valuable sculptures and monuments, an artificial lake, several pedestrian pathways, a university campus and over 5,000 roses... A walk through here is a must!

Street Art and Graffiti tour - 3 hours – Sightseeing. Private basis.

An unusual and thought-provoking three-and-a-half-hour tour of Mendoza takes us into the pop-culture world of the city's graffiti and street art. The development of what is now an open-air gallery has led to Mendoza becoming a magnet for world-class street artists of various backgrounds,

techniques and styles. The socio-political contexts of the murals provide a rich and unique city experience. So important is the street art scene that Muropolis, the first international street art festival, was held in the city in 2014.

Half Day Art and Wine tour - Veronica Valenti Atelier.

Monday to Friday. Weekend visits are subject to availability. Private visit.

Veronica Valenti was born in 1977 in Mendoza, Argentina. She became familiar with East Asian art in Hong Kong where she spent her childhood. Since her first solo exhibition in 2006, she has exhibited frequently in Mendoza and Buenos Aires and participating at international fairs in Paris and New York.

Her work varies from figurative to abstract, always incorporating either figures with defined gestures or dreamy landscapes. Veronica showed interest in crafts, design and technology, also with Chinese food and the lights of the city. Her beautiful atelier has been designed like a contemporary gallery and is located in the back of her house, only 15 minutes from downtown Mendoza.

Before going out to dinner, we suggest an encounter with this young artist while enjoying a glass of wine or sparkling.

Half Day Food Market, Olive Oil and Lunch - 5 Hours. Operates Monday to Saturday. Private visit

Heading to Maipu, a traditional town surrounded by vineyards, olive trees and old houses, we reach El Mercado, a fresh fruit and vegetable market featuring different traditional shops. From fresh vegetables to the ubiquitous butcher shops. We will stop at a delicatessen to enjoy some representative cold cuts.

After this nice bite, we continue our tour to the olive oil company where after visiting the premises we will have a private area in the antique cellar to taste olive oils, fresh olives & wines and enjoy an early light lunch.

A DAY IN THE ANDES (High Mountain) 8 hours – Sightseeing – Includes lunch

If you are visiting Argentina to experience the grandeur of the Andes, this trip is highly recommended! The private transfer from your hotel in Mendoza to the heart of the majestic Andes mountain range offers the chance to enjoy an incredibly scenic two-hour journey. As you gaze through the window, watch the landscape change from urban sprawl, to vineyards and breathtaking snow-capped mountain peaks.

he route runs parallel to the Mendoza River. We continue the journey after our meal and stop at Puente del Inca, a natural rock formation that forms a bridge over the Cuevas River. This extraordinary, natural curiosity, suspended 27m above the river, is a truly photogenic place.

We continue to the Aconcagua National Park, visiting Laguna de Los Horcones, a reservoir fed by glaciated waters. At this point, we are just a few miles from the most spectacular sight of the whole day, the Aconcagua (White Sentinel). At a break in the wall of rocks, you'll find the viewpoint looking up the valley, from which you can spy the towering mass of Aconcagua, at an altitude of 6,960m (22,834ft). Aconcagua is the highest mountain outside Asia, its summit covered with eternal snow, and its southern face made up of an impressive wall of 3,000m (10,000ft) of sheer ice and stone. At this point, we are very close to the Chilean border, and we'll take in the scenery before making the return journey to Mendoza following the same road.

We will stop so we can visit a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch we return to Mendoza with plenty of photos to aid our memory of the majestic Andes mountain range.

Golf at the Foot of the Andes - 8 Hours. Private Service.

Practice your swing and perfect your game at a truly unique location; this nine-hole course is blessed with incredible views of the Andes Mountains, a backdrop you won't soon forget. The round can be played twice from different tees, or if you prefer you can just play the nine holes; the club house serves snacks and drinks throughout the day.

The charm of La Vacherie golf course is partly due to the lack of usual conveniences. It does not have caddies or electric buggies; the course can only be walked with a manual trolley which can be rented from the office. Clubs can also be rented, however, please note, these are not the latest models!

Note: The club is open every day except Mondays. Weekdays and Sundays are excellent days to play this course as there are very few golfers and it feels like a private course with no rushed tee times. Saturdays can be quite slow, and a round of eighteen holes can take up to 6 hours.

Caro Winery Tasting

Nicolas Catena from Argentina and Baron Rochild from Chateau Lafitte in France decided to make a wine that will be the true emblem of the two countries. From that idea, Caro and Amancaya wineries were born. The exclusive winery – Caro- only produces top of the line wines in very small quantities. Boasting the oldest wine cellar in Mendoza and a completely restored building, Caro winery surprises visitors for its refined French style. Conveniently located steps away from 1884 restaurant, which could be an excellent addition to the wine tasting (dinner not included).

Caro Winery experience includes an exclusive wine tasting of the winery's fine products.

Tango (additional cost): On Thursdays the winery hosts Tango events, a real treat to enjoy the wines in a relaxed environment while experiencing the true Argentine dance. Visit & Wine included.

Dominio del Plata Experience - 4-5 Hours – Includes 1 ½ hour cooking lesson.

Operates: Monday to Saturday. Wineries subject to change without notice. Many wineries are closed on holidays.

A combined experience to learn the secrets of argentine cuisine, visit and taste wines in two wineries.

In 1999, after working more than 20 years as a consultant winemaker for national and international wine companies, Susana decided to have her dream come true and started to build Susana Balbo Wines in the heart of Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza. After more than 10 years of steady growth in foreign markets, another one of her dreams was fulfilled: her children, José, winemaker graduated from UC Davis (California) and Ana, Bachelor of Business Administration from University San Andrés (Buenos Aires) decided to go on with the family tradition and join Susana Balbo Wines team.

Dominio del Plata stands out for architecture, specially designed to cater the production of high-end wines. The winery produces around 3.000.000 bottles and exports to more than 36 countries all over the world, being the United States one of its main markets.

Cooking Class Includes: preparation of three typical dishes, recipe booklet, visit to two wineries and wine tasting, Lunch, wine and waters.

After the cooking Class, visit & Tasting to a high end winery. The winery will be confirmed a few days before the visit, however we may indicate that some possible options are Benegas, Matervini, Caelum, Vistalba, among others.

Ver Sacrum Cookery & Casa El Enemigo Tasting Private Service.

This day combines a traditional cooking class in Finca Ver Sacrum with a great Lunch and visit and tasting of rare wines: Roussane, Marsanne, Garnacha y Moanastell from the Winery.

The cooking class includes the preparation of several dishes served in the five-course menu. When Eduardo Soler (owner) purchased the house, he found several recipes dating from the mid 1800's. He decided to incorporate many of them to their menu as well as teaching visitors to prepare them. Not only this, but they also incorporate their organic products into all the preparations.

Ver Sacrum (Sacred Spring in Latin) has a very small operation: With a very limited edition of wines, this winery can be considered as a garage winery. Located 20 minutes from the city of Mendoza, the winery is surrounded by old vineyards of rare varieties. The house, dating from 1865 has been

completely restored and the owners live and work in the same estate, hosting their guests personally. After enjoying the visit to the winery and lunch, we will visit the Casa El Enemigo of famed winemaker Alejandro Vigil where we will be treated to a Varietal tasting.

For the Wine Lovers, a suggested-up grade at Casa El Enemigo to Single Vineyards wines.

Half Day Biking and Tasting at Finca Bandini Half day

- From 09:00am to 2:00pm. Operates : Monday to Saturday .

Wineries subject to change without notice. Many wineries are closed on holidays.

This day is especially designed for those who want a short and relaxed ride in peaceful setting. The ride is only 5 kilometers, taking several stops to taste wine and learn about vine growing, soils and local irrigation systems. Tucked in a beautiful vineyard in Luján de Cuyo, this new winery strikes for its beauty, great wines and personable experience. To start with, the property is surrounded by running water; the sound “acequias” (irrigation channels) is heard from almost everywhere in the property; the visitor center was carefully restored, creating a cozy ambiance to receive visitors. Even though they are very new, they have launched their second vintage with the careful assistance and surveillance of famed Winemaker Consultant Marcelo Pellereti, who while at Monteviejo was the first Latin-American winemaker to receive a score of 100 points by Robert Parker.

After the ride, we will enjoy some free time to relax and taste local cold cuts and wine as a grand ending of the experience.

*Not suitable for clients staying at hotels in Uco Valley

Half Day Wine tour - 1 1/2 hours - Operates: Monday to Saturday. Private service.

Some remarks: Wineries are subject to change without notice. Many wineries are closed on holidays as well as on Saturdays and Sundays.

We have selected two individual wineries to help you get acquainted with the best wines in Mendoza and we start by visiting **Alta Vista**. The creation of Alta Vista in 1998 proved to be the perfect combination of French savoir-faire and Argentinian passion, fusing the best traditions and tastes of both countries. Alta Vista produces outstanding wines, most notably the Alta Vista Grand Reserve Terroir selection 2003, and Alta Vista Alto 2002, both of which have been internationally recognised. Located in Chacras de Coria and surrounded on all sides by the lush vineyards which produce these outstanding grapes; this winery is a never-ending delight, fusing a perfect location, welcoming atmosphere and quality produce.

We will then continue to **Vistalba Winery**. Surrounded by 53 hectares of 40-year-old vineyards, **Finca & Bodega Carlos Pulenta** is the perfect result of modern technology and years of experience in high altitude vineyards. Carlos Pulenta, fifth generation of Argentine vintners, is capturing the interest of the international press, especially after the launching of the Vistalba Corte A (91 points in The Wine Cellar) a 40% each Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon with 20% Bonarda. The winery has already gained an important Award given by Great Wine Capitals of the World: Best of Architecture in Winery.

Full Day Art and Wine 6 hours - Operates : Monday to Saturday . Includes lunch.

Wineries subject to change without notice. Many wineries are closed on holidays.

Immerse yourself in the art and wine world that Mendoza is renowned for – and rightly so. Perhaps the most celebrated contemporary artist to come out of Mendoza is Sergio Roggerone, whose work has been exhibited across the world. He is also an architect and built his refined house in a style that is distinct and glamorous, which we will visit on this tour. You will notice that many of his pieces are inspired by Catholic icons but given a folk-art twist. Sergio welcomes us into his home and art studio, giving a personal and exclusive tour of his latest works.

Afterwards, we'll dine on fine Mendoza cuisine at the Casa El Enemigo. Inspired by the childhood memories of Alejandro Vigil, this restaurant is warm and welcoming. All dishes are made with local produce, and the only difficulty is deciding which meal to choose!

Note: Artists may be busy or travelling abroad for an exhibition; therefore, we may use the alternative venues of:

- **Veronica Ohanian:** A private class with Veronica Ohanian at her studio in the cozy town of Chacras de Coria (1 hour and a half). Verónica is not only a painter but also a jeweler. In case there is a family trip, Kids can enjoy a class of painting or jewelry making together with the parents and the meal at Casa El Enemigo may be replaced for a picnic lunch at Alta Vista winery.
 - **Veronica Valenti** was born in 1977 in Mendoza, Argentina. She became familiar with East Asian art in Honk Kong where she spent her childhood. Since her first solo exhibition in 2006, she has exhibited frequently in Mendoza, Buenos Aires and international fairs in Paris and New York. Her beautiful atelier has been designed like a contemporary gallery and it is located in the back of her house, only 15 minutes from down town Mendoza.
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Full Day Boutique Wineries 8 Hours – Operates from Monday to Saturday.

Includes lunch. Private service.

in Lujan de Cuyo - La Primera Zona comprises the esteemed wine regions of Lujan de Cuyo, Agrelo and Maipù, home to a string of Mendoza's best-known wineries. Likened to California's Napa Valley, La Primera Zona is not to be missed, thanks to some of the biggest names in Argentine wine or

in Maipu, With Olive Oil - Maipù is part of what is considered "La Primera Zona" (first to develop) area in Mendoza and is the place where we can find the most traditional wineries of the region. Although in the last years some young and prominent winemakers started their own projects, revitalizing the area and setting new rules.

Or

In Agrelo

Iconic Wines - 8 hours – Operates from Monday to Saturday.

Includes lunch. Private Service.

Wineries subject to change without notice. Many wineries are closed on holidays and weekends.

Argentina has become of the most respected Wine countries in the world, producing high quality wines. The Wine Advocate Group acknowledged more than 30 wines with 95 points and above. This "Connoisseurs" tour is an invitation to discover, taste and enjoy some of these fine wines. Those iconic labels that resume the best of the wine scenario in Argentina.

Full Day Organic, Biodynamic and Sustainable Wineries - 7 Hours - Departure time from: 08:50hs // Approximate return time: 16:30hs. Private basis.

Includes: bilingual guide, insurance, snack, mineral water, visit and wine tasting, lunch (gourmet lunch).

Lujan de Cuyo, Maipu and Uco are the main wine-producing areas in Mendoza and both old and new ventures are shifting their production to sustainability and biodiversity with the aim to produce fine wines which are also healthier, friendly to the environment and help development in a sustainable way.

On this interesting visit focus will be on production and processes that are linked to the natural products, biodynamic productions, designing and building of wineries on natural slopes to take advantage of the natural process of the earth. Tasting of these new wines paired with a gourmet lunch are part of the experience.

Full Day Southern Uco Wineries - 8 hours.

Wineries subject to change without notice. Many wineries are closed on holidays and weekends

Uco Valley is the youngest vine-growing region which lies around 100km south of Mendoza. With a high altitude of around 1,000 to 1,500m above sea level, and irrigation provided by the Tunuyán River, grapes such as Malbec, Merlot and Pinot Noir have developed with astonishing results. What's more, this area is a hot bed for state-of-the-art innovations in wine technology, making it a huge attraction for winemakers at home and abroad. Wineries such as Salentein, O'Fournier and Andeluna are just some of the big names right now in the Uco Valley

On this tour, we are going to explore three DOCs: Los Arboles, Chacayes and Altamira, the youngest and smallest DOC in Mendoza. A young generation of winegrowers has re invigorated the region with their creativity, passion and know how, getting the full expression of local grape varieties.

Half Day Biking From Mendoza to Chacras - Departure time: 08:30hs. -8:45 hs / Estimated arrival time: 13:30hs.

Includes: private vehicle, bilingual guide, snack, bike and helmet, technical assistance, insurance and snacks.

We leave from Mendoza City to reach Chacras de Coria (located about 20 km from the city center) where we'll start biking. Upon arrival, we'll set to ride our bikes. Chacras is a beautiful small village which boasts beautiful country houses, wineries, wine cellars and fine restaurants. In Chacras we visit two world-class vineyards and enjoy tasting their wines. Return to Mendoza by car.

Half Day Bike Potrerillos - 2 Hours Monday to Sunday: 11:00am or 03:00pm.

Minimum required: 2 passengers - Minimum age: 12 years old. Level of difficulty: Moderate.

Includes: Professional guide, bicycle, helmet, mineral water, cereal bar. Shared basis.

The majestic scenery surrounding Mendoza is ripe for exploration, and this full day tour aims to make the most of these stunning landscapes. The Potrerillos base camp is an ideal place to enjoy multiple activities such as kayaking and biking, which this tour will largely centre on.

When reaching the area we meet the guide for a mountain bike ride across the deserted back roads and trails of the Andes. We will go cross country in the Potrerillos Valley, covering a distance of 10 scenic, undulating kilometres, which will take roughly 2 exhilarating hours.

Full Day Mountain Bike Paso de La Carrera - 8 hours – Year round.

Estimated time of departure: 9 am // Estimated time of arrival: 6 pm.

Technical difficulty: Low (require neither previous knowledge nor special skills).

Includes: transportation (that is also used as vehicle support), bilingual guides, bicycle, gloves, helmet, lunch, and water.

The “Paso de la Carrera” is located SW of Mendoza city. To get there we must cross the first Andean mountain range, known as Precordillera, or Pre Mountain Range. When we arrive to Potrerillos we must head SW.

Leaving behind both El Salto and Las Vegas oasis, we drive up on a dirt road to get to the start of the track. “Paso de la Carrera” is a high valley that sits at about 6.400 ft. (1.950 m) above sea level. Farming is a common activity and the area is famous for agriculture and breeding cattle. During summer time, “gauchos” (local cowboys) show their skills in festivals that are held regularly in the area.

Along the track, the views of the Frontal Mountain Range are gorgeous and, later, the Tupungato volcano, with its impressive shape and size, is the perfect scenery for a lunch break. Not far behind us, a support vehicle will be carrying our personal items and all the supplies we might need during the day. The bike trip ends in the village of Tupungato, a well-known wine area where some of the best wineries can be visited.

Full Day Hike Aconcagua Park - 8 Hours – Year round (*) - Minimum two people.

Estimated time of departure: 8 am // Estimated time of arrival: 10 pm.

Estimated duration of trekking: 6 to 8 hours, depending on individual's physical condition, and including lunch // Driving journey length: 2 hours 30 minutes each way including stops.

Level of difficulty: medium/demanding // Technical difficulty: Low (require neither previous knowledge nor special skills).

Includes: transportation, trekking poles, snow shoes if necessary, bilingual guides, boxed lunch, and water.

Discover the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere, the mighty Aconcagua, which sits nestled in the Andean mountain range above Mendoza.

Leaving Mendoza early, we head southwest along National Route 7 to the ranger's office, where we begin our trek to the Laguna de Horcones, at 2,950m above sea level, and the suspension bridge over Horcones River (which should take about an hour). Next, we move through the Durazno Brook,

where we stop to rest, being that this is an ideal place to admire the almighty landscape, before carrying on for two hours towards the first base camp of Mount Aconcagua at an altitude of 3,400m. Here, we stop for lunch, and learn about the world of cliff and rock-face climbing (a favorite pastime in these parts), before making the return journey to Mendoza.

Full Day Hike Vallecitos - 8 hours – Year round.

Level of difficulty: Low, although activities will be performed in high altitude.

Includes: transportation, bilingual guides, trekking poles, snow shoes if necessary, box lunch.

Lace up your walking boots and prepare for an incredible, scenic hike in the Andes. We'll drive through the Precordillera and the snowy peaks of the Cordillera Frontal, towards Potrerillos Valley and onwards to Vallecitos Ski Resort, where our trek begins.

First, we hike to a picturesque gorge which, known for its views to Mount Franke on the left and San Bernardo on the right, before heading on to a stream and natural springs. Further up, we make the perfect stop for lunch with views over Mount Vallecitos, looking out for Guanacos and Condors as we eat. Refueled, our trek continues for another hour, watching out for a changing landscape which gradually transforms into a glacial valley which, during winter, is completely covered in snow, only adding to the enchanted nature of this hike.

Notes:

- Trek starting height: 9,100 ft. (2,800 m) and the maximum height is 11,500 ft. (3,500 m).
 - Estimated duration of trekking: 5 to 6 hours depending on individual's physical condition, and including lunch.
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Half Day Mendoza River Rafting - Navigation: 1 Hour. Difficult: Class II (Moderate)

Shared basis.

Although Mendoza is best known for its wine, this beautiful region is also a great playground for those with an adventurous spirit; and the Mendoza River is perfect for white water rafting. This excursion involves class II rapids, which is a moderate level and thus ideal for novices!

Once we reach base camp, we'll be given a safety briefing and instructions for the rafting experience, before heading onto the starting point at the river and hopping aboard our rafts. We'll enjoy the thrilling ride for 12km which should take about an hour, with the stunning mountainscape as a backdrop along the way. The certified guides ensure that you'll have a fun but totally safe rafting ride, and after today there's no doubt you'll want to go again and again.

Full Day Horseback Ride and Wine at El Enemigo - Enjoy a two-hour easy ride in the vineyards, riding through 80-year-old vineyards and old wineries followed by a great lunch in Casa Vigil, at El Enemigo Winery.

Formerly the home of Alejandro Vigil, the chief Oenologist for the Catena Zapata Family; Casa El Enemigo is the perfect place to enjoy a luxurious four-course lunch, reminiscing and lamenting over the delicate wines already tasted, just as Alejandro would have done many years ago! All dishes are expertly prepared by the head chef, using locally sourced produce, and, of course, accompanied by a glass of chilled white to match all flavors.

Lunch at the winery includes a seven Course Lunch with El Enemigo wines.

Full Day Horseback Ride and Wine at Andeluna Winery - Located on 200 acres of mountain vineyards is the state-of-the-art winery of Andeluna. Set among the foothills of the Andes, Andeluna is a remarkably beautiful place. Visitors enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding areas. There are four separate tasting areas to enjoy, and a walk on the grounds is the perfect way to experience the rich history and tradition of the winery while enjoying Argentina's finest wines.

From the hotel we reach the Winery and meet the local guide. The ride starts crossing old vineyards and then, after negotiating a shallow river, we start the ascent. No experience is required because tame horses will lead us easily to the top of a hill where we will be able to enjoy the magnificent view of the snowy mountains in the west and the green valleys in the East. We then return to the main house at the winery to enjoy a six step lunch paired with their fine wines.

Full Day Horseback at Quebrada del Condor Reserve - 8 Hours.

For those nature lovers, this is a perfect outing. A whole day horseback riding with an al fresco lunch by a river creek. This amazing place is located in the heart of the Andes, almost two hours from Mendoza city. Driving south the views are absolutely amazing and gives the chance to spot several animals: red and gray foxes, rabbits and the king of the area: The Condors. Due to the warm air currents in the area it is a perfect place to spot young condors learning to fly and even see families of condors soaring nearby.

