



An independent journey, customized just for you

Tailor Made Argentina & Chile

Wine & Gourmet

Santiago • Colchagua Valley • Mendoza

Explore the colonial heart of Santiago before heading to the Colchagua Wine Valley. Stop at wineries to sample their varietals and experience *huaso* (cowboy) culture on a ranch.

DAYS 1-2: Depart on an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile's capital. On arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon, enjoy a cooking class at WD: World Delicatessen, founded by renowned chef Giancarlo Mazzarelli. After lunch, you have a chance to explore the colonial heart of the city, as well as the glass towers of uptown Santiago. Stop at San Cristobal Hill for a panoramic view of the city and the omnipresent Andes.

DAY 3: Head to the Colchagua Wine Valley, stopping en route at Viña Neyen, the oldest winery in Apalta, for an opportunity to sample their top Neyen Espiritu de Apalta wine. Continue to the Viu Manent vineyard for a visit, tasting and lunch.

DAY 4: The Marnier-Lapostolle family are the founders and owners of the world-renowned Grand Marnier liqueur. They invite you to their exclusive Casa Lapostolle vineyard, where their family has been involved in winemaking for generations, as well as for

producing spirits and liqueurs. Discover the *huaso* (local cowboy) culture when you spend the afternoon at a ranch amid the beautiful Andean landscape. Take a break from the predominantly wine-related activities by visiting Espiritus de Colchagua, a family-run, small-scale producer of organic liqueurs that you may sample.

DAY 5: Depart for a visit to the Colchagua Museum that features the country's most extensive collection of Mapuche handcrafts and other pre-Columbian objects, including rare and precious Inca gold items. Head back to Santiago's airport, stopping en route at Altaír Winery, where your host explains the techniques used to produce Altaír and Sideral wines. Later, fly to Mendoza, the center of Argentina's wine industry and a city with beautiful trees and parks, wide shaded sidewalks and a friendly atmosphere.

DAYS 6-7: Visit the Mayan-inspired Catena Zapata winery, one of Argentina's most revered producers of Malbec. Continue to Vistalba winery, one of the best in the area. The highlight is dinner at renowned Francis Mallmann 1884 on the grounds of the historic Bodegas Escorihuela Gascon. There is also ample time at leisure to enjoy your hotel's spa and facilities.

DAY 8: Fly to Santiago or Buenos Aires and connect with your international departure flight.

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