



Summits & Wines of the Central Andes

10 Days



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➤ Summits & Wines of the Central Andes

Chile and Argentina are known for their world-class wines and magnificent mountains. Get a taste of both on this 10-day adventure that's the perfect mix of leisure, activity, and fun. Explore Chile's charming foodie paradise of Valparaiso, coastal surf village of Matanzas, and bustling capital city of Santiago. Then it's across the Andes for wine tasting at Mendoza wineries, Argentina's most renowned wine region, hiking against the backdrop of Cordon del Plata, and a tour of cosmopolitan Buenos Aires' most interesting neighborhoods. Join us for this well-rounded journey highlighting the best of two countries!

Details

Arrive:	Santiago, Chile
Depart:	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Duration:	10 Days
Group Size:	8-12 Guests
Minimum Age:	18 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

"MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in li should be so easy."

Kathy J.

"Exceptional trips! Go with MT Sobek!"

Mitch S.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek has been leading pioneering adventures in South America for 50 years, including immersive journeys through the Central Andes.

REASON #02

Expert local guides offer an insider perspective and navigate your journey every step of the way.

REASON #03

This adventure perfectly combines scenic touring and wine-tasting with rewarding hiking and insightful city exploration — in Buenos Aires, Mendoza and Valparaiso.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Tasting the premier wines of Chile and Argentina, with easy walking tours and two slightly longer hikes up to 5 hours through scenic landscapes.



LODGING

A variety of boutique-style hotels, each one with its own unique vibe — from bustling city hotels to serene vineyard stays.



CLIMATE

In Santiago and Buenos Aires, weather varies based on time of year. In Mendoza, the climate is sunny and dry, with warm summers and relatively cold winters.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Victor has traveled extensively throughout Argentina and Chile, guiding trips in Patagonia and Andean wine making regions. He is passionate about sharing first-hand experiences with renowned winemakers and iconic vineyards of Chile in Argentina. Victor enjoys leading tours to the famed Mendoza wineries, hiking the foothills and mountains of the central Andes & rugged Patagonian landscape, and indulging in traditional Gaucho barbeque with MT Sobek Travelers. He resides in a small village south of Buenos Aires, and is a fantastic facilitator of wonderful experiences in Chile and Argentina.

Victor Garra

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO & VISIT A CASABLANCA VALLEY WINERY

Arrive in Santiago and transfer to the beautiful Casablanca Valley — a must-visit destination for wine-lovers! Feel the cool oceanic breeze that makes the terroir perfect for producing some of the best Sauvignon Blancs and Chardonnays in the country. Check in at the colonial country home of La Casona de Viña Matetic, a typical Chilean hacienda, followed by lunch and a visit to the winery. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon before a welcome dinner at the lodge.

Meals: L, D

DAY 2

EXPLORE SCENIC VALPARAISO

Take a morning drive to the UNESCO-listed coastal city of Valparaiso. Historically the main port of Chile, Valparaiso's colorful buildings are nestled into the steep surrounding hills. Enjoy a walk through the upper hills, board the funicular railway, and admire the colorful profusion of street art while wandering through town. Return to the lodge for some mid-afternoon relaxation, then settle in for the evening's dinner and wine.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

VISIT PABLO NERUDA'S HOME

After breakfast, head southwest towards Pablo Neruda's seaside house at Isla Negra, and tour the museum that shows the poet's endless appetite for life. Enjoy a seafood lunch, then go for a scenic drive along the coast. Check in at a beach lodge and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure before rejoining the group for Pisco Sours on the beach followed by dinner.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

DISCOVER MATANZAS SURF TOWN

Take a morning hike through rolling hills, pine tree plantations, and dunes. Have lunch back in town and spend the afternoon at your leisure. The beach at Matanzas is known for its fine grey sand and year-round windy weather, making it an ideal destination for surfing, windsurfing, and kitesurfing. Matanzas is also known for its rich fauna, with nearby islets providing nesting ground for several bird species. At sunset, take an easy walk and taste some of Chile's most iconic wines.

Activity: 4–5 hours/5 miles of moderate hiking on dunes and rolling terrain

Meals: B, L

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DAY 5

SEE THE SIGHTS OF SANTIAGO DE CHILE

In the morning, transfer to Santiago de Chile, the country's bustling capital. Check in to your hotel, then stop at El Galindo for delicious corn pie and other traditional dishes. After lunch, walk through the city's main historic and cultural landmarks, including the incredible Mercado Central where Chilean chefs go for fresh seafood, the colonial Plaza de Armas, the impressive Cathedral, the Mint, Chile's current government house, and Santa Lucia Hill for great views of the city. Return to the hotel and enjoy the evening on your own.

Meals: B, L

DAY 6

TAKE A SCENIC ANDEAN DRIVE INTO ARGENTINA

Depart early for one of the world's most scenic roads, crossing the Andes into Argentina. Take an easy hike with astonishing views of Mount Aconcagua (22,844') — the Summit of the Americas. After a picnic lunch, transfer to Mendoza and check in at the hotel. Afterwards, enjoy dinner at a local venue.

Activity: 1–2 hours/2 miles hiking with 400' elevation gain

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

SIP DELICIOUS WINES IN MENDOZA

Enjoy a morning visit to two wineries that have helped earn Mendoza a place among the world's great winemaking regions. Begin by sampling premium wines at Catena Zapata, the pioneer of quality wine-making in Argentina, whose winery was built in the style of a Mayan temple. We'll relax over lunch at Finca Decero, producer of premium Malbecs. Afterwards, transfer to the heart of Mendoza for an historic overview of the city and walk through Mendoza's extensive green areas.

Meals: B, L

DAY 8

HIKE AT FARM RANCH

Start the day with a scenic drive to the foothills of the impressive Cordon del Plata mountain range, where a narrow road leads us into Estancia Quebrada de los Condores. From the Estancia's stables and mountain hut, set out for an easy to moderate trek with amazing views of the entire Uco Valley and surrounding peaks. Later on, descend back to the cozy mountain hut for a true Argentine gaucho-style barbecue before returning to the lodge in the late afternoon, stopping along the way to visit the traditional Sunday Fair at Chacras de Coria.

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Activity: 4–5 hours/5 miles hiking with 1,500' elevation gain

Meals: B, L

DAY 9

DISCOVER VIBRANT BUENOS AIRES

Take a morning flight to Argentina's cosmopolitan capital and transfer to your hotel, located in the elegant Recoleta neighborhood. Later in the day, gather for a walking tour of the city's traditional neighborhoods. At Plaza de Mayo square, learn about the country's recent history and Evita's favorite balcony before walking the few blocks to San Telmo art district. Evening farewell dinner.

Activity: 3-4 hours city walking

Meals: B, D

DAY 10

DEPART FROM BUENOS AIRES

See the sights of Buenos Aires' northern neighborhoods on an early walking tour, including Recoleta Cemetery and Palermo. Midday is free to explore the city's museums and parks by yourself. In the afternoon, transfer to Ezeiza's international airport to board evening flights back home.

Activity: 2–3 hours city walking

Meals: B

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Dates

Feb 23 - Mar 3, 2020

Mar 29 - Apr 7, 2020

Dec 13 - 22, 2020

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Pricing

2019

\$ 5,695 per person

Additional Cost

\$ 300 Internal Airfare

\$ 1,500 Single Supplement

2020

\$ 5,995 per person

Additional Cost

\$ 350 Internal Airfare

\$ 1,600 Single Supplement

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert leadership from experienced adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- 1 glass of wine or beer at dinner
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day airport transfers

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Lunch on Days 5 and 9 and dinner on Days 5, 7, and 8
- Optional tips to your lead adventure guides
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Airport transfers if arriving outside of Day 1
- Optional travel protection

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