Trip Summary:
Arrival airport: Santiago, Chile, Comodoro Arturo Merino Benitez International Airport (SCL)
Departure airport: Buenos Aires, Argentina, Ministro Pistarini International Airport (EZE)
This trip begins in: Santiago, Chile
This trip ends in: Buenos Aires, Argentina
Trip length: 12 days/11 nights (does not include international flight time)
Spots available on trip: 12 - 22
Activity level: moderate
Price: from $6,495 per person/double occupancy | $1,595 single supplement charge

Overview:
Immerse yourself in the rich culture of both Chile and Argentina while indulging in the finest wineries, restaurants, and lodges South America offers. Visit world-renowned winemakers in the Casablanca Valley, Valle de Uco, amongst others. Encounter breathtaking scenery and diverse wildlife while enjoying moderately strenuous hikes in the world-famous Andean mountains, including the famed Ski Portillo Resort, a historic training ground for elite snow skiers. When not on the mountain, stroll leisurely through the local museums, shops, and even enjoy Chilean cooking classes. Explore two of Argentina’s most stunning regions including the wide-open vineyards in Mendoza Province, as you walk in the footsteps of locals. Journey around some of the most notable mountains in the world including Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the Americas.

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Trip Itinerary | 12 days/11 nights

Day 1: March 12
Arrival Day in Santiago, Chile
• Arrive in Santiago, Chile at Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport (SCL)
• Welcome Dinner and Reception
• Overnight: Hotel San Francisco or comparable
• Meals Included: D

Day 2: March 13
Santiago, Chile
• Orientation
• Santiago walking city tour, including: La Moneda Square, Hotel General Carrera, Cathedral Square, Paseo Ahumada, Pre-Colombian Museum, Museo de la Memoria
• During tour, enjoy lunch at the Central Market, featuring fish and crab, then return to hotel for mingling
• Overnight: Hotel San Francisco or comparable
• Meals Included: B/L/D

Day 3: March 14
Casablanca Valley | El Cuadro Winery
• Transfer to Casablanca Valley
• Spend the morning on a walk overlooking our first winery, behind the Estero Perales river
• Afternoon visit to El Cuadro Winery where you will enjoy wine tastings
• Learn about the winemaking process, create your own “assemblage” and compete in teams for first place
• Overnight: Hotel Casablanca or comparable
• Meals Included: B/L/D

Day 4: March 15
Valparaiso
• Visit Nobel prize winner, Pablo Neruda’s house, La Sebastiana, UNESCO World Heritage Site: Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso
• Spend time overlooking the quaint and colorful city
• Chilean Cooking Class & Anti-tour
• Overnight: Verso or comparable
• Meals Included: B/L/D

Day 5: March 16
Portillo Ski Resort | Laguna del Inca
• Arrive to Portillo Ski Resort
• Laguna del Inca hike
• Return to resort for dinner
• Overnight: Portillo Ski Resort
• Meals included: B/L/D
Day 6: March 17
Horcones Valley
- Drive to border crossing, winding up into the Andes Mountains
- Drive to Horcones Valley (6,962’) for a hike viewing Aconcagua (22,841’), the tallest mountain in the Americas
- Hike to Horcones Lagoon (9,350’) to enjoy a picnic lunch
- Transfer to hotel
- Enjoy grilled dinner on Sarmiento Street
- Overnight: Hotel Aconcagua or comparable
- Meals Included: B/L/D

Day 7: March 18
Mendoza, Argentina
- Classical walking city tour of Mendoza, including: San Martin Park, Cerro de La Gloria, and Plaza Independencia
- Visit a historical museum, Museo del Pasado Cuyano
- Overnight: Hotel Aconcagua or comparable
- Meals Included: B/L/D

Day 8: March 19
Vallecitos Valley
- Vallecitos Valley hike - begin in the Vallecitos Valley where we will take the path of mountaineers at over 9,000’
- Enjoyable meal at San Bernardo Mountain Hut (local favorite of climbers)
- Return back down the mountain
- Overnight: Lares de Chacra or comparable
- Meals Included: B/L/D

Day 9: March 20
Valle de Uco
- 75 mile drive to hike in the Portillo mountain range
- Begin at refugio Portinari Hut (8,202’), walk up to Antonio Scaravelli Hut (10,498’)
- Wine tour at famous Las Terrazas winery
- Overnight: Lares de Chacra or comparable
- Meals Included: B/L/D

Day 10: March 21
Buenos Aires
- Transfer to airport for flight to Buenos Aires
- Transfer to hotel
- Steak dinner in Buenos Aires - Traditional Asado
- Overnight: Hotel Principado or comparable
- Meals Included: B/L/D
Day 11: March 22

**Buenos Aires**
- Walking city tour, including: cultural stops and museum visit, including: Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo antique neighborhood, and Recoleta with its famous Cemetery
- Visit the Modern South American Art museum
- Dinner and Tango Show for Celebration Dinner
- Overnight: Hotel Principado or comparable
- Meals Included: B/D

Day 12: March 23

**Departures**
- Transfer to airport for international departures
- Meals included: B