

UNCOVER REMOTE HERITAGE OF THE ANDES

AUTHENTIC NW ARGENTINA
6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS



TOMORROW'S AIR

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ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DATE	EXPERIENCES	MEALS PLAN
Day 1	Salta - Cuesta del Obispo - Molinos - Colomé	D
	Estancia Colomé - (1 - Night) Room with Garden View - Full Board	
Day 2	Colomé - Quebrada de las Flechas - Cafayate	B
	Patios de Cafayate Wine Hotel - (1 - Night) Garden room - Breakfast included	
Day 3	Cafayate - Ruinas de Quilmes - Quebrada de las Conchas - Salta	B
	Finca Valentina - (1 - Night) Standard room - Breakfast included	
Day 4	Salta - Quebrada del Toro - San Antonio de los Cobres - Salinas Grandes - Purmamarca	B
	Manantial del Silencio - (1 - Night) Standard Room - Breakfast included	
Day 5	Purmamarca - Tilcara - Uquía - Serranías del Hornocal - Iruya	B
	Hotel Iruya - (1 - Night) Room with view - Breakfast included	
Day 6	Iruya - Uquía - Volcán - Route 9 - Salta	B
END OF SERVICES		

Food references: | B: Breakfast | L: Lunch |D: Dinner



TOUR BY DAY

Day 1

Salta - Cuesta del Obispo - Molinos - Colomé

Distance: 122 km paved road. 106 km gravel road.

Altitude: Highest point 3.457 m./ 11.342 feet. Colomé 2.300 m. / 7.546 feet.

Estimated driving time: 5 hs.

Mesmerizing journey along the breathtaking road from Salta to Colomé, a route that unveils the diverse beauty of the Argentinean Northwest. Traverse through four distinct ecosystems, from the lush greenery of the Yungas jungle to the semi-deserted expanse of the Calchaquí Valley. Over 33 kilometers of mountainous terrain, you'll ascend to Paso Piedra de Molino, standing at an elevation of 3,457 meters. Witness the majestic flight of Condors against the azure sky, encounter guanacos and wild burros amidst a sea of cardones, the region's giant cacti. As day turns to night, retire to the enchanting Estancia Colomé nestled in the Calchaquí Valleys. This historical haven is not only one of Argentina's incredible places but also home to the country's oldest winery. Immerse yourself in the colonial estate's rich past, where stories and mysteries come to life. Indulge in unique wines and savor regional cuisine crafted from local ingredients sourced from their garden and agroecological farm. Explore Colomé's natural wonders, relish its landscapes, and surrender to the enchanting silence that makes this experience truly magical.

Accommodation: Estancia Colomé

Type of Room: Room with Garden View / Full Board

Day 2

Colomé - Quebrada de las Flechas - Cafayate

Distance: 52 km paved road. 20 km gravel road.

Altitude: Highest point 2.300 m./ 7.546 feet. Cafayate 1.683 m. / 5.522 feet.

Estimated driving time: 3 hs.

The RN40 continues and crosses the Quebrada de las Flechas Scenic Route, with formations that seem from another planet. In San Carlos and Cafayate you can enjoy the view of the Calchaquí River and do experiential tourism in rural communities that includes, among other activities: agrotourism, walks, horseback riding, regional cooking classes, wine making, and ceramic crafts. This entire region is part of the Wine Route (one of the highest in the world), with wineries, vineyards and wine tourism experiences. We will arrive in Cafayate to enjoy the amazing landscapes, rock formations and cultural heritage. At Sunset, we recommend an optional photo safari to Quebrada de las Conchas or to the sand dunes..

Accommodation: Patios de Cafayate Wine Hotel

Type of Room: Garden room / Breakfast included



Day 3

Cafayate - Ruinas de Quilmes - Quebrada de las Conchas - Salta

Distance: 286 km paved road.

Altitude: Highest point 1.850 m./ 6.070 feet. Salta 1.200 m. / 3.937 feet.

Estimated driving time: 5 hs.

In the morning, under the best light, we will visit the renowned pre-Inca ruins, Sacred City of Quilmes. This fascinating site offers ample time for an immersive walk through its ancient structures, allowing you to connect deeply with the region's rich history. It is one of the main archaeological sites in Argentina. Walking amid the city's stone walls, ceremonial sites and teasels is an unforgettable experience. On our return journey to Salta, we will traverse the stunning Quebrada de las Conchas Canyon, a Natural Heritage Site characterized by striking red formations. These formations, dating back to the Mesozoic and Cenozoic eras (90 to 60 million years), owe their vibrant color to the ferric oxide in their mineral deposits. The gorge derives its name from the marine fossils found in the region's oldest geological formation, known as the "Formación Yacoraite." As the day winds down, we will settle in for the night at the serene Finca Valentina, offering a perfect end to a day filled with exploration and discovery.

Accommodation: Finca Valentina

Type of Room: Standard room / Breakfast included

Included entrance fee: Archeological Site Quilmes Ruins

Day 4

Salta - Quebrada del Toro - San Antonio de los Cobres - Salinas Grandes - Purmamarca

Distance: 142 km paved road. 179 km gravel road.

Altitude: Highest point 4.170 m./ 13.681 feet. Purmamarca 2.192 m. / 7.192 feet.

Estimated driving time: 6 hs.

Journey through the Toro's Gorge, a natural gateway that connects the verdant Lerma Valley of Salta, renowned for its lush tobacco fields and majestic horses, to the arid plateau of the Puna at over 3,500 meters above sea level. In less than 100 kilometers, we follow the historic path of the Train to the Clouds, crossing the eastern chain of the Andes into the heart of the Puna. Along the way, we'll visit El Mojón, a small, resilient settlement that exemplifies the enduring spirit of the Andean inhabitants, who harmoniously blend modern life with ancestral traditions.

Our adventure continues to the vast expanse of Salinas Grandes, a dazzling white salt flat stretching over 100 kilometers, framed by towering volcanoes and offering an endless horizon. As we ascend to the highest point of our journey, we are rewarded with unparalleled views of the Eastern Andean Range before descending the winding Cuesta de Lipán.

As sunset, we arrive at the enchanting village of Purmamarca, nestled at the foot of the mesmerizing Cerro de los Siete Colores. Here, the vibrant hues of the mountain and the village's timeless charm invite you to immerse yourself in the serene beauty and rich culture of this unique region..

Accommodation: Manantial del Silencio

Type of Room: Standard Room / Breakfast included



Day 5

Purmamarca - Tilcara - Uquía - Serranías del Hornocal - Iruya

Distance: 93 km paved road, 119 km gravel road.

Altitude: Highest point 4.300 m./13123 feet. Iruya 2.780 m. / 9.121 feet.

Estimated driving time: 5 hs.

Embark on a unique adventure through the Humahuaca Gorge, a vast valley in the far north of Argentina's Jujuy province that stretches to the Bolivian border. Formed a mere million years ago, this young valley is renowned for its vibrant, colorful mountains, dramatic geological formations, and historic villages. Our journey will immerse you in the region's rich cultural tapestry, visiting highlights such as the bustling Humahuaca Market. We'll explore the charming villages of Tilcara, Humahuaca, and Purmamarca that offer unique artisanal markets, perfect for discovering local crafts. We'll also venture to the stunning Serranías del Hornocal, famed for its breathtakingly colorful mountains and unparalleled photo opportunities. After exploring Humahuaca, we'll take a scenic secondary gravel road to the Condor Pass at 4,000 meters, offering spectacular views of the Cordillera Oriental. Our day culminates in the remote mountain village of Iruya, where time seems to stand still. Here, surrounded by the timeless beauty of the Andes and its ancient culture, we'll spend the night, experiencing a truly authentic adventure in remote Argentina.

Accommodation: Hotel Iruya

Type of Room: Room with view / Breakfast included

Included entrance fees: Serranías del Hornocal viewpoint

Day 6

Iruya - Uquía - Yungas Forest - Salta

Distance: 260 km paved road. 50 km gravel road.

Altitude: Highest point 4.000 m./13123 feet. Salta 1.200 m. / 3.937 feet

Estimated driving time: 6 hs.

Explore the eastern side of the Iruya Valley, where you'll discover even smaller, charming villages nestled under the majestic Cerro Morado. Amid the mountains and surrounded by an impressive landscape, the architecture in Iruya reflects its pre-Columbian origins, offering great cultural and historical value. From the Mirador de Iruya viewpoint, you can see the entire town and its breathtaking surroundings. For the more adventurous, the Mirador del Cóndor is accessible via an intermediate-difficulty trail, providing spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

As we return to the Quebrada de Humahuaca, we'll visit the small town of Uquía, famous for its paintings of the 17th century, an artistic treasure exhibited at San Francisco de Padua Church. Our journey continues along Route 9, a winding road that meanders through the lush jungle of the Yungas, unthought extension of the Amazonian massif in the barren geography of the northwest. Finally, we will make our way back to the vibrant city of Salta, concluding our authentic adventure with memories of Argentina's diverse landscapes, rich traditions, and the timeless beauty of the Andes.



END OF OUR SERVICES

****Note: Since we operate many of our tours in remote high altitude areas, itineraries may be subject to change due to various conditions of an operational nature throughout the year (such as: snow fall, heavy rain, strong winds, road maintenance, workers' strikes, etc.), especially in places higher than 4000 meters. As such, we reserve the right to alter and/or cancel any part of the itinerary which may be affected by conditions beyond our control.***

The Itinerary is subject to weather conditions in the region to be visited, to flight schedule changes, roadblocks or any other unforeseen circumstances. In any of these cases last minute changes may take place in order to ensure a safe trip. Any expenses derived from these situations of force majeure must be paid by the passenger.



WHERE WE STAY

ACCOMMODATION

Estancia Colomé

Room with Garden View

Ruta Provincial 53 Km 20

Molinos, Salta

Argentina

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<https://www.bodegacolome.com/turismo/>



Patios de Cafayate Wine Hotel

Garden room

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Finca Valentina

Standard room

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Manantial del Silencio

Standard Room

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Hotel Iruya

Room with view

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Notes in regards to accommodation:

1. *Breakfast is included in every hotel.*
2. *Accommodation in these properties is subject to availability. If there is no availability, we will suggest options of the same category.*



3. During the month of June, Estancia Colomé www.bodegacolome.com is closed. In that case, the hotel will be replaced by Hacienda de Molinos www.haciendademolinos.com.ar with the corresponding price adjustment.
4. More details about the stay at Estancia Colomé

The room reservation includes:

- Breakfast buffet
- Malbec tasting at the Wine Bar of the Winery: Estate, Authentic, El Arenal, LE La Brava.
- James Turrell Museum – exclusive hours for guests in the afternoon
- Welcome Drink and Appetizer at Bar Gaucho
- Lunch and/or Dinner according to the three-step plan of your choice (Includes a glass of wine, a non-alcoholic drink and coffee or infusion per person)- Meals will be available only for the day of check-in.

Entry Hours: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Departure time: Until 11:00 a.m.

Earlier arrivals or later departures will be subject to availability and extra charge.

*At Estancia Colomé they welcome families with children from 12 years old. The additional bed is only possible in Master Suite rooms and for children between 12 and 18 years of age.

Notes in regards to included meals:

1. *Soft drinks are included with every meal.*
2. *Please be patient with the timing for the services.*



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HIGH ALTITUDE TRIPS

Because of its altitude (average 3,500 / 3,700 metres above sea level) the Puna is in contact with rare layers of the atmosphere. When the share of gas in the air changes, the human body



manages the new environmental situation, compensating the lower presence of oxygen with a rapid breathing, to provide more air into the lungs, and a faster heart rate to pump more blood and oxygenate more. All of this can cause some agitation and a feeling of lack of oxygen. In addition, the altitude causes a substantial difference in air pressure. A person at sea level is below a column of air equivalent to a difference of almost 4,000 metres with respect to the same person in the Puna.

Therefore, these conditions require special attention during our trips, when spending one or more nights in the Puna. It is particularly important:

TRAVEL TIPS

- Drink at least two litres of water per day.
- Protect yourself from the sun/UV radiation with a hat, sunblock and sunglasses.
- Do not consume tap water.
- Travel with your own medication and bring extra doses.
- Respect the local cultures and wildlife.
- Keep your eating habits; avoid eating or drinking in excess, before and during the journey.
- Important: follow instructions from our guide.



PASSENGER INFORMATION FORM

- All passengers must fill in the Information Form and it is compulsory for them to inform about health conditions and/or any other relevant information regarding health. The form must be sent through email before the departure date.



LOGISTICS

- Pick up 4WD vehicles equipped for overlanding trips.
- Professional guide/driver.
- National Permit for passenger's transportation.
- Insurance for transported passengers and drivers.
- Water (1 ½ litres per day per person) and snacks on board.



- Special equipment for overland trips (first aid kit, satellite communication, extra tools, fuel and extra tyre).
- Oxygen tube.
- 24/7 Logistics support from the Salta office with daily monitoring.



PACKING LIST

WHAT TO BRING

- Sunblock and sunglasses (UC protection).
- Sunhat.
- Windbreaker jacket (It is important because it is windy) and warm sweater.
- Warm socks (made of wool or cotton).
- Trekking shoes (comfortable).
- Moisturizing cream.
- Thermal underwear is advisable (long johns) and winter clothes: Winter jacket, sweatshirts, long-sleeve fleece shirt, scarf, gloves, etc. In Winter.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Water bottle (1lt) to avoid the use of plastic bottles for mineral water. Our guide will make sure to refill your bottle whenever necessary.
- Socompa baseball hat.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. All services were quoted as per the itinerary above described; the rates are Net, expressed in US Dollars and include Taxes (VAT).
2. The accommodation does not include early check in or late check out.
3. The itinerary proposed can be modified according to changes in flight schedules or weather conditions in the area to be visited.
4. The rates do not include air fares.
5. Extras and tips of any kind are not included in the rate.
6. The meals included in the itinerary include one soft drink. Alcoholic Beverages are not included.
7. The rates are subject to modification due to changes in the policies of our suppliers or due to unforeseen circumstance



8. For tours on the 25th December or 1st January there is an extra fee of USD 100. -- per tour and per guide.

CANCELLATION POLICY

1. Cancellation 7 days before departure: 100% penalty for services provided directly by Socompa. As for the accommodation and rent a car services, the penalty amount will be informed according to the cancellation policy of each local supplier.
2. Cancellation 15 days to 8 days before departure: 50% penalty for services provided directly by Socompa. As for the accommodation and rent a car services, the penalty amount will be informed according to the cancellation policy of each local supplier.
3. Cancellation 16 days or more before departure: 25% penalty for services provided directly by Socompa. As for the accommodation and rent a car services, the penalty amount will be informed according to the cancellation policy of each local supplier.

Important: VAT Refund benefit will not be applicable in case of cancellation or no-show fees and charges. If cancellation is subject to charges, the VAT tax will be calculated and invoiced at the time of receiving the cancellation.

VAT REFUND REGULATIONS (APPLIES TO ACCOMMODATION AND BREAKFAST ONLY)

1. This quote is only valid if guests are eligible for the VAT reimbursement benefit.
2. The VAT Refund benefit is exclusive for foreign visitors with proven residence outside Argentina. A copy of each passport is required to confirm reservations. If the country of residence is different from the country of citizenship, please confirm details by email. Bookings with no passports provided will be re-quoted to add the applicable VAT rate.
3. When passports are not provided at time of booking, the accommodations with breakfast will be re-quoted to include applicable VAT (currently 21 %) to be collected with payment.
4. VAT Refund applies only to accommodation and breakfast (if included in the room rate). Other services provided by the hotel are excluded from the VAT Refund policy.
5. VAT Refund will not be applicable in the event of cancellation fees or no-show's charges.

CANCELLATION POLICY FOR HOTEL BOOKINGS

The deadline for Hotel Bookings is subject to the policies of each Hotel. In General, the deadline to hold rooms without penalty fee ranges between 60 and 30 days prior to arrival. For this contingency, many hotels are applying a flexible cancellation policy and we will inform the details with each booking.



For VAT refund purposes, a scan of each participant's Passport is required to be sent at least 25 days prior to arrival date. Such Passports must be valid for at least 6 months since the arrival date.

Important: VAT Refund benefit will not be applicable **in case of cancellation** or no-show fees and charges. If cancellation is subject to charges, the VAT tax will be calculated and invoiced at the time of receiving the cancellation.