



# Food & Wine: Flavors of Chile & Argentina

12 days | 14 days with Uruguay extension

Welcome to the sultry side of the equator, where the only thing bolder than the culture are the flavors. Between the vibrant street markets and the lush, mountainside vineyards, you'll revel in the rich Andean traditions woven into every dish and drink on this small Group Food & Wine Tour. So, don't be shy—sip all the Malbec, savor every asado, and indulge in non-stop choripán. Because down here, it's only polite to eat every decadent morsel in sight.



## Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 3 lunches with wine
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 3 wine tastings
- 5 tastings
- 1 cooking class
- 4 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 on-tour flight

## Included highlights

- Santa Lucía Hill
- El Mercado Central
- Valparaíso
- Casablanca Valley wine tasting
- Aconcagua Valley wine tasting
- Andean cooking class & distillery visit
- Mendoza wine tastings
- Buenos Aires La Boca neighborhood
- Asado dinner

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets with some hills.

## Group size

12–22

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Santiago today.

## Santiago → 3 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Santiago

*Included meals: welcome lunch*

Welcome to Chile! Gather with your fellow travelers at a local restaurant for a welcome lunch.

### Day 3: Food Sightseeing tour of Santiago

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

Set out to explore Santiago with a local guide on a sightseeing tour.

- Drive through the city's Barrio Bellavista, known for its bohemian charm
- Pass the Barrio Lastarria and the Chilean National Museum of Fine Arts
- Walk up Santa Lucía Hill to soak in incredible views from the spot where Santiago was founded in 1541
- Try mote con huesillos, a popular drink in Chile known for its refreshing peach and cinnamon flavors
- Head to Plaza de Armas where you'll see Santiago Metropolitan Cathedral, the Chilean National History Museum, and the Central Post Office Building
- Visit El Mercado Central, a bustling culinary hotspot, to taste the city's best seafood, wines, and meats

Enjoy a free afternoon in Santiago or add an excursion.

+ Concha & Toro Winery Tour with Lunch

### Day 4: Sightseeing tour of Valparaíso & Casablanca Valley wine tasting

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, wine tasting*

Visit the coastal city of Valparaíso, locally known as The Jewel of the Pacific.

- Embark on a guided tour of the city, passing through the UNESCO-recognized port and historic quarter
- Board the Queen Victoria funicular for a ride up to the hilltop neighborhoods of Cerro Alegre and Cerro Concepción

- Set off on a walking tour of whimsical streets full of colorful houses and imaginative street art

Afterward, make your way to the nearby Casablanca Valley, where you'll stop at a boutique, biodynamic winery for a tasting. Sample the winery's signature Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Syrah during an included plated lunch, before making your way back to Santiago.

## Mendoza → 3 nights

### Day 5: Mendoza via Aconcagua Valley

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, wine tasting*

Transfer to Mendoza through the famed Aconcagua Valley, one of Chile's five principal wine regions.

- Enjoy a barbecue lunch paired with Carménère, Pinot Noir, and Cabernet Sauvignon wines at an Aconcagua wine estate
- Pass through the towering Andes mountain range to cross the border to Argentina
- Visit the small villages of Uspallata, Puente del Inca, and Horcones, and stop for breathtaking photos along the way

Then, continue on to Mendoza and enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.

+ Taste of Mendoza: Tapas & Wine Tour

### Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Mendoza, cooking class & distillery visit

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting, liquor tasting, dinner*

Get to know the city of Mendoza on a guided tour.

- Walk through Plaza Independencia to pass Mendoza Cathedral, the Basilica of St. Francis, and the former Banco Hipotecario, before arriving in the Civic district
- Sample alfajores, a traditional cookie, and dulce de leche at a local chocolate factory
- Enter General San Martín Park to see the Monument to the Army of the Andes

This evening, visit a local home of a master distiller and chef where you'll learn about

traditional Andean cuisine and the intricate distilling process. Craft your own gin, and see how Argentinians cook with seasonal ingredients and a range of meat cuts. Then, sit down for an included dinner paired with the house wine.

### Day 7: Mendoza wine tastings

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, wine tasting*  
Head outside of the city to visit to of the most famous wineries located in the Luján de Cuyo and Maipu regions.

- Learn about the area's wine-making traditions
- Enjoy a lunch of seasonal, local cuisine along with a wine pairing featuring Malbec, the area's signature sip
- Soak in the beautiful views of the vineyards, which sit against the backdrop of the snow-capped Andes mountains

## Buenos Aires → 3 nights

### Day 8: Flight to Buenos Aires

*Included meals: breakfast*

This morning fly from Mendoza to Buenos Aires and enjoy a free afternoon or add an excursion.  
+ Buenos Aires Tango Lesson, Show & Dinner

### Day 9: Food of Buenos Aires tour

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

Taste your way through the city as you embark on a guided tour of the place where tango was born.

- Drive through the aristocratic Retiro and Recoleta neighborhoods to visit the grave of Eva Perón, the former First Lady of Argentina
- Pop in to a traditional bar where historic writers and car enthusiasts used to frequent and enjoy a drink
- Make your way past the National Museum of Fine Arts and the beautiful parks and gardens of Palermo
- Drive along 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest street in the world
- Wander through the famous Mercado San Telmo, where you'll sample traditional Argentinian street foods like empanadas

- Explore the La Boca neighborhood, where the influence of Italian settlers can still be felt today, and taste a traditional appetizer sandwich called choripán
- End your tour with a dulce de leche ice cream treat

Spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.

+ Argentinian Cultural Dinner

#### Day 10: Buenos Aires street art & culture

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting, farewell dinner*

Today, dig in to Buenos Aires' colorful, spirited art scene and visit one of the best opera houses in the world.

- Join your Tour Director for a guided tour of the city's vibrant street art and murals, which capture everything from political unrest to whimsical pets
- Meet artists along the way and learn about the Buenos Aires Street Art Organization, which organizes and curates the murals with international artists
- Step inside the Colón Theater, famous for its acoustics and architectural details
- Enjoy a tasting of churros, medialunas, and coffee at the iconic Café Tortoni

Tonight, celebrate your trip with your group at an authentic Argentinian asado farewell dinner at a local restaurant. You'll see grill cooking techniques up close, in this intimate dining experience.

### Overnight Flight → 1 night

#### Day 11: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast*

Relax in a dayroom before boarding your flight home tonight, or continue on to Uruguay.

### Arrive Home

#### Day 12: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

### + Uruguay extension

Extend your trip to Uruguay and learn why this small-but-mighty country is not to be missed. From its vast wine production to the UNESCO-recognized city of Montevideo, experience the rich culture and history as you explore the

country's highlights with your Tour Director.

### Uruguay → 2 nights

#### Day 11: Montevideo via Colonia del Sacramento

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

This morning, board a ferry to cross the Río de la Plata and make your way to Uruguay. Visit the city of Colonia del Sacramento, where you'll walk through the UNESCO-listed Historic Quarter on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Stroll past the Basílica del Santísimo Sacramento, the Real de San Carlos bullring, and the city's famous white lighthouse
- Pass through Mayor Square and take in riverside views from the historic San Pedro Bastion
- Visit a local restaurant for a lunch of Uruguayan specialties and wine

Then, continue on to Montevideo and enjoy a free evening.

#### Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Montevideo & Canelones wine tastings

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, wine tasting*

Embark on a guided tour of Montevideo, the southernmost capital in the Americas.

- Stroll through Old Town, passing the renowned Solís Theatre as you go
- See landmarks like the Legislative Palace, Presidential House, Centenary Stadium, and La Diligencia Monument in Prado's Park
- Stroll through the mouthwatering food stalls at the Mercado del Puerto, once the city's principle meat and produce market
- Get a glimpse of local life as you pass through a few of the city's residential neighborhoods and drive along the beaches on United National Rambla

This afternoon, travel to the Canelones wine region to visit two family-run wineries, or *bodegas*.

- Tour the vineyards and hear how the winemaking traditions are passed down from generation to generation
- Eat lunch at one of the bodegas and learn how the winemakers put their personal stamp on the varietals they create, during tastings served with cheese

This evening, toast to your trip with a farewell drink.

#### Day 13: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast*

Relax in a dayroom before boarding your flight home tonight.

### Arrive Home

#### Day 14: Arrival at home

Arrive home today.

### Overnight Flight → 1 night

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.ca/TSM](https://goaheadtours.ca/TSM) | 1-800-754-5066

## Day 3: Concha & Toro Winery Tour with Lunch

\$205CAD/\$215CAD\* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon, includes lunch)

Head just outside of Santiago to the Valle de Maipo for a visit to the renowned Viña Concha y Toro wine estate. Family-run since 1883, it is now one of the most notable wineries in the world. You'll tour the main house, where the family summered for generations. Enjoy wandering through the sprawling park grounds to marvel at the sculpted lake, and stroll along the eucalyptus-lined paths. Then, descend into the cellars and see how the winery stores its legendary wines, before sitting down for an included lunch complete with wine pairings.

## Day 5: Taste of Mendoza: Tapas & Wine Tour

\$75CAD/\$85CAD\* (4 hours, departs in the evening)

Tapas originated in Spain, when locals began putting a snack on top of (or tapa) their drink. Now, this bite-size dining style is sweeping Mendoza, too. Join your Tour Director for a deep dive into their small plate scene. Visit a local wine bar and enjoy an informal, light dinner of high-quality tapas dishes paired with local wines. Continue on to a microbrewery for a taste of the city's craft beers along with more tapas, before returning back to your hotel.

## Day 8: Buenos Aires Tango Lesson, Show & Dinner

\$145CAD/\$155CAD\* (6 hours , departs in the evening )

Buenos Aires is the birthplaces of Tango, and no trip's complete without feeling the passionate rhythm of this city's streets. So put on your dancing shoes and barrida through a private, exclusive tango lesson. Follow a master tanguero, or tango dancer, as they teach you all the steps, moves, and emotions that go into performing Argentina's national dance. Then, sit down to watch one of Buenos Aires' most renowned tango shows. Lose yourself in the live music, as elegant performers transport you to a bygone era. You'll enjoy a dinner featuring regional specialties, as well as Argentine wine, as the dancers glide toward their final abrazo.

## Day 9: Argentinian Cultural Dinner

\$199CAD/\$209CAD\* (4 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Whip up some of Argentina's signature dishes and learn about the country's food traditions during an interactive and unique dining experience. Start off by learning to make empanadas, a stuffed bread dish, and alfajores cookies. Then, try your hand at preparing mate, a traditional, caffeinated South American drink made from yerba mate leaves. After, sip on unlimited wine during a steak dinner. As you eat, you'll learn about the different cuts of Argentinian meat. At the end of the night, you'll receive the recipes for each of the dishes you made so you can recreate your Argentine meal for friends and family at home.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.ca/terms](https://goaheadtours.ca/terms)