

Bike Argentina



14 Days from Mendoza from NZ\$8250
Departs:
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- **Mendoza -wonderful vineyards & downhill bike**
- **Salta & the magical Argentine Northwest Circuit**
- **Cachi, Molinos, Cafayate, Humahuaca Gorge**
- **Buenos Aires -Paris of the Americas**
- **Options for Iguazu Falls**

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Information Sheet – Bike Argentina

Fully Guided –14 days from Mendoza to Buenos Aires

We start the tour in Mendoza at the foot of the Andes with some wonderful wine tasting, exploring the vineyards and also enjoying a spectacular downhill ride in the mid-sierra of the Andes. We then pass through to Argentina's Colonial Northwest, the region of Salta and the Calchaqui Valley with its amazing desert landscapes, wonderful colonial towns and hospitable people - the results of an ancient indigenous culture, mixed with colonial Spanish heritage. We spend 7 days biking through this region, with its dry spring climate (average 15-22 degrees centigrade), up to an altitude of 3000m.

The next stop is the scenic Humahuaca Gorge, with its fascinating landscape, especially the Cerro de los Siete Colores of Purmamarca and visit the salt flats. Return to Salta and fly back to Buenos Aires with a nice tour of the city by bike

Bike Argentina NZ\$8250 (single room supplement NZ\$1395)

Cost is subject to currency fluctuations & based on a minimum of 6 people travelling – there are no hidden costs..

So no unpleasant surprises once you are in South America - you know before you leave exactly what this trip will cost and it is a bonus not having to dip into your money belt all the time to pay for 'EXTRAS'. We pride ourselves on being totally up front before you leave. Compare our inclusions for yourself, detailed on our Trip Dossier.

We want your adventure to be as hassle-free as possible, so you can expect the following whilst planning to explore "Bike Argentina".

Cost Includes:

ALL transport (boats, buses, taxis, trains etc)	ALL accommodation 3 star hotels/lodges (twin/double share)
ALL entrance fees as per itinerary	ALL mountain bike hire, support vehicles
ALL national park entrance fees	ALL Bike hire
ALL sightseeing as per itinerary	ALL transfers as per itinerary
Breakfasts daily, 10 lunches	Flights Mendoza - Salta -Buenos Aires
Services of experienced Tour Leader	Services of English speaking local guides/bike mechanic

Does not include:

Tips (allow USD125), Insurance, Laundry, Personal Spending, Medical Expenses
Supplement for E Bike in Mendoza & Northwest Argentina NZ\$350

NOTE ON FLIGHTS

****International flights Auckland – Mendoza & Buenos Aires – Auckland are in addition to costs stated above. As there can be seasonal specials on airfares these can vary between NZ\$2000 and \$3000 depending on when they are purchased. We will quote you the best airfares at the time of booking and keep you informed on any seasonal specials between time of booking and departure**

HOW TO BOOK:

Send us your Reservation form with your deposit of \$750 to confirm your place
Group size limited to 14 plus Tour Manager

What our clients are saying

The trip was amazingly cheap for what was provided. It provided a fabulous combination of hard exercise and socialising. Riding through magnificent scenery, covered in dust at the end of the day - collapsing in the foyers of lovely hosterias with awaiting cervezas or G+Ts – a fantastic trip

Reta & Grant –Tauranga –Bike the Andes '10

An amazing trip . Thank you both for the superb organisation. "Camp Mother" – you were amazing!

Richard &Jan -Ashburton –Bike the Andes '13

Accommodation, organisation and everything exceeded our expectations

Charlie & Janet –Nelson –Bike the Andes '13

Accommodation well above expectations . Excellent bike guides

James –Timaru – Bike the Andes '13

All the guides were helpful and diplomatic and unruffled. This led to a very happy and satisfied group

Graham & Kay –Bike the Andes '15

The trip was a real adventure , just what we wanted

Bill& Adrienne –Auckland –Bike the Andes '17

We had a great trip to South America and loved Argentina.

The organisation was exceptional and we were well looked after e- thankyou!

People were so keen to provide good service that it made NZ look a bit average in comparison.

We always felt safe and appreciated the extra help making bus/train/flight connections which your guides provided.

Special moments:

Exceptional service was provided in Salta by the two guides Nacho and Daniela for our 5 day mountain bike. We loved them both and they were great company. They added the extra that made Argentina special for us

Day	Date	Program	Overnight
1	Fri	<u>Mendoza</u> For those travelling from NZ you can travel LATAM Airlines via Santiago with a connection to Mendoza. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. Accommodation: Huentala Hotel https://huentala.com <i>Mendoza, nestled in the foothills of the Andes Mountain Range, famous for nearby Mount Aconcagua, for its Malbec wines and for being the cradle of the heroic deeds of Liberator General San Martín, Father of this nation, it is one of the most beautiful and neat cities in the country. The climate in Mendoza is moderate-temperate, though its mountains provide a certain degree of aridity. Argentina is the fifth largest wine producing country in the world and the city of Mendoza itself is the hub of the Argentinean wine industry. The city life and busy plazas are surrounded by thousands of bodegas (wineries) that lie on the outskirts of town with over 350,000 acres of vines.</i>	Mendoza
2	Sat	<u>Mendoza</u> Bike -Wine Tour You will visit a selection of three wineries, each representing different philosophies of wine production: with this tour you will discover the delights of the traditional family-owned winery and also gain an insight into the larger, commercial and more modern wineries, all of which are considered 'high-end'. This is the all-encompassing tour, offering the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the wine industry in Mendoza. "	Mendoza (B,L)
3	Sun	<u>Mendoza</u> This is a full day excursion into the mountainous landscape of Mendoza Province. The journey begins along route N°7 going by Potrerillos Dam, Uspallata, las Bovedas, Mt Tundqueral and the Ghost City of Paramillos. After arrival at Cruz de Paramillos and after our guide gives technical and security explanations, mount your bike for some uphill then a 29 km descent through the historical 365 curved road down to the Villavicencio Hotel, which opened its gates in 1940 and closed again in 1978. Affluent families from all round the country and from abroad would stay at the hotel to spend an entire season and enjoy the hot springs and their healing properties. Board our vehicle to begin the way back to Mendoza. 29 km of dirt & paved roads	Mendoza (B)

4	Mon	<u>Mendoza – Salta</u> Transfer to the airport for your flight to Salta and transfer to hotel Accommodation : Hotel Design Suites Hotel <i>The Hispanic architecture of the city makes it stand out from the other cities in the country. The colonial spirit from its inception is evident in its houses, streets, hundred-year-old monuments and narrow sidewalks surrounded by the mountains nearby.</i> <i>Winter is warm and dry, with records of an annual average temperature of 22°C.</i> Afternoon Mountain biking tour by the lush vegetation surrounding the town of San Lorenzo. There are several trails of varying degrees of difficulty ranging from easy-medium level to strenuous. San Lorenzo is a village near Salta, located in the foothills to the west of the Andes, which are known as Pre-cordillera or Cordillera Oriental. The architecture, in the main part of the city, is testimony to its colonial history. Its environs retain one of the most complete biomes of northwestern Argentina, called Yungas or Selva Montana (Jungle that grows in the mountains). <i>35km of paved and dirt roads, a mix of easy, medium, strenuous</i>	Salta (B)
5	Tues	<u>Salta- Cachi</u> Travel to the south of the city to the village that produces Virginia tobacco, El Carril. From there, we enter the Escoipe Gorge. After climbing the Cuesta del Obispo (Bishop Slope), we reach the Piedra Del Molino (3,348 m). After admiring the views at the top, we mount our bikes and descend riding along Route 33 and then Route 40. We cycle through the Cardones National Park, the name given to the huge cacti that grow in the region. The cardones are protected. We arrive in Cachi, sleeping in a cozy hosteria. Accommodation: El Cortijo Hosteria 50 km of dirt roads. Elevation gain: 230m Uphill 1390m downhill.	Cachi (B,L)
6	Wed	<u>Cachi – Molinos</u> After breakfast, we ride a circuit in the environs of Cachi known as the Airport and Cemetery Circuit. We then prepare for the 55 km ride to Molinos. We transit the right side of the Calchaqui River, visiting places such as La Paya and El Colte, to the birthplace of the handcraft of Salta, called The Way of the Artisans. In Seclantas, we stop to gather the troops and tackle the hill to Molinos together, where we spend another night in the magical Calchaqui Valley, in a beautifully restored hacienda . Accommodation: Hacienda Molinos <i>55 km of dirt roads.</i>	Molinos (B,L)

7	Thurs	<u>Molinos – Cafayate</u> After breakfast, we make a city tour of Molinos by bike, then travel by bus, 40 km to the village of Angastaco, along the legendary Route 40 which stretches the length of Argentina along the spine of the Andes, from the border with Bolivia down to Ushuaia, on the southern edge of the continent. This part of the journey gives us the opportunity to see the best examples of agricultural production in the Calchaqui Valley. The silence in the Valley and the spectacular scenery will captivate. In Angastaco we start pedaling through the narrow Gorge of the Arrows (Quebrada de Las Flechas), one of the most amazing sites in the Argentine Northwest. The eroded cliffs and slopes, with the high Andes off in the distance; create an almost surreal landscape, dazzling all that come through here. We arrived in San Carlos and continue by bus to the desert oasis of Cafayate, famous for its high altitude vineyards. The town of Cafayate is another highlight, the friendly inhabitants will make you welcome, as is the tradition of the Northwestern culture. Accommodation: Hotel Asturias 53 km of dirt & paved roads.	Cafayate (B,L)
8	Fri	<u>Cafayate</u> After breakfast explore the town and visit some of the wineries by bike. The main Plaza is the hub of the town and there are several bars, restaurants, with handicraft markets and artisanal food stores. There are a couple of artisanal breweries and ice cream parlours. When it comes to wineries, there are several to choose from. Your guide can help plan a circuit, where you can do some wine tastings, sample some food and make some purchases. A must to visit is the Bodega Piatelli, located on a plateau overlooking the Cafayate valley. It is one of the newer ones and also has a very popular restaurant. The area produces great malbecs, cabernet sauvignon and of recent times Tannat. The most notable achievement of the wine makers here, is the production of Torrontes, a white aromatic wine, grown at altitude. <i>30 km of dirt & paved road, with a little uphill</i>	Cafayate (B,L)
9	Sat	<u>Cafayate – Purmamarca</u> Cycle through the Quebrada de las Conchas, another magical canyon offering enchanting landscapes of strange rock formations and eroded slopes exposing innumerable bands of colors. Similar to the US Western deserts, there are many rock formations to discover and the colours will change as the sun arches over and behind the canyon. We then continue by bus through the Lermas Valley and bypass Salta north, experiencing many changes in vegetation, to ascend into the Humahuaca Gorge region. Overnight in the picturesque small town of Purmamarca in a nice hosteria. Accommodation: Refugio de Cocquena Hosteria 50 km of paved roads	Purmamarca(B,L)

10	Sun	Purmamarca - Salinas Grande-Salta Another stunning day! We take an early morning ride around the 7 Colours Gorge with its amazing rock formations. Then set off on the road to the Salinas Grandes. These enormous salt flats, one of the largest in South America, are one of the most photographed places in northwest Argentina Following the steep trails up the Lipán, Saladillo and Abra de Potrerillos hills, we'll enjoy the impressive panoramic views of the rugged landscapes of Purmamarca. As we walk, we'll also discover the local wildlife. Keep your eyes peeled for the vicuñas and llamas along the route! Reaching the altitude of Salinas Grandes, at around 3,450 metres above sea level, you will be captivated by the sight of the expansive white desert stretching out before us. The vast salt flat, in contrast to the blue skies, is a striking image. Enjoy a ride on the salt flats. Return to Salta <i>25km of dirt/paved roads: 12km circuit Purmamarca easy</i>	Salta (B,L)
11	Mon	Salta -Buenos Aires Morning at leisure in Salta You will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. On arrival you will be transferred to the hotel Accommodation: Loi Flats Hotel	Buenos Aires (B)
12	Tues	<u>Buenos Aires</u> The Ultimate Buenos Aires Day Bike Tour There are many stops for historical information from our expert guides as well plenty of time for photos and exploration. A fantastic way to get to know the city in one day, the tour starts in historic San Telmo before going to La Boca, Caminito, Puerto Madero, the Women's Bridge, the Ecological Reserve, Retiro, Recoleta Cemetery, the Metal Flower, Plaza San Martín, and Plaza de Mayo. The tour includes bicycle, guide, helmet, water bottle, lunch and other extras <i>this is a easy biking day , flat terrain</i> Optional dinner & tango show at El Querandi	Buenos Aires (B)
13	Wed	<u>Buenos Aires</u> Day at leisure	Buenos Aires (B)
14	Thurs	<u>Buenos Aires</u> Transfer to the airport Possible Option Tour to Iguazu Falls	(B)