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**HIGHLIGHTS...** Central Market & Cooking Demonstration, Mendoza, Vineyard Tour & Tasting, Cooking Class, Wine-Paired Lunch, Buenos Aires, Tango Lesson, San Antonio de Areco, Draghi Silversmith Museum, *Estancia* Visit with Traditional *Asado* Lunch, Iguazu Falls

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Renaissance Santiago Hotel, Santiago
Days 4, 5	Diplomatic Hotel Mendoza, Mendoza
Days 6 – 12	Palladio Hotel BA MGallery by Sofitel, Buenos Aires
Days 10, 11	Sanma Hotel, Iguazu Falls

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

#### Day 1: Thursday, January 21, 2027 Overnight Flight

Set out to experience the sights, flavours, and rhythms of Chile and Argentina as you explore two countries, from bustling cities to sprawling ranches, vineyards, and natural landscapes. It all begins in Chile's cultural hub, Santiago.

#### Day 2: Friday, January 22, 2027 Santiago, Chile

Arrive early this morning in Santiago, the vibrant capital city of Chile nestled in a valley of the Andes Mountains. Settle in at your hotel where you'll enjoy early access to your room to recoup after your flight. This afternoon, meet your fellow travellers and head out on a panoramic tour of Santiago, getting a look at the city's blend of modern and colonial architecture and learning about its diverse history. Tonight, toast to the beginning of your South American adventure at a local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 3: Saturday, January 23, 2027 Santiago

Follow your curiosity about Chilean history and culture to a museum because **it's your choice!** Choose between the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, dedicated to the study and display of pre-Columbian artworks and artifacts from Central and South America **-OR-** the Memory and Human Rights Museum, which commemorates the victims of human rights violations during the last Chilean military dictatorship. After, set out to discover market-fresh Chilean food with a visit to the *Mercado Central de Santiago*. Joined by an enthusiastic local, walk through the fish market, stopping along the way to learn about the local seafood and pick up a fresh catch. Then make your way to a local restaurant and watch as a chef turns your find into a delicious ceviche before sitting down for lunch. Take the rest of the day to enjoy Santiago as you please. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Sunday, January 24, 2027 Santiago - Mendoza, Argentina

An early morning flight brings you to the desert region of Mendoza, known for its vineyards and Malbec wine, and the stunning views of the Andes Mountains. Upon arriving enjoy a brief orientation tour of downtown Mendoza and free time to have lunch on your own. This afternoon, travel outside the city to visit a boutique, family winery. Sample wines selected to show the richness of the terroirs and come to appreciate the unique qualities of the Luján de Cuyo wine-producing sub-region with its dry, almost desert-like climate and irrigation from the Mendoza River's pure Andean meltwater. Later, settle into your hotel in the city of Mendoza for an evening at leisure.\* (B)

#### Day 5: Monday, January 25, 2027 Mendoza

Enjoy a leisurely morning before continuing your taste of the region's renowned wines with a visit to another vineyard. Upon arrival, a pick-me-up comes with a taste of yerba mate tea, a traditional South American caffeinated drink. As your guide demonstrates how to make a cup, learn about the cultural significance of this beverage that brings many Argentinean families together for daily "mate breaks." Enjoy a tour of the vineyard followed by a hands-on cooking class with the winery chef. Finish off your visit with a gourmet, wine-paired lunch. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy the laid-back city of Mendoza with its inviting restaurants and atmospheric plazas. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Tuesday, January 26, 2027 Mendoza - Buenos Aires

Say so long to Mendoza as you fly to Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage. Set out on a guided tour of Buenos Aires, sampling the local eats along the way and exploring the fusion of flavours that comes with the city's Spanish, Italian, and Jewish influences. During a panoramic tour, discover the San Telmo, Puerto Madero, La Boca, and Recoleta neighbourhoods. Then, settle in at your hotel in the elegant Recoleta neighbourhood, full of historical and architectural charm. This evening, come together for dinner and indulge in savoury Argentine flavours. (B, D)



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**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Winnipeg Intl Airport, Inter-flights from Santiago SCL, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$200 per person (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from YWG

### Day 7: Wednesday, January 27, 2027 Buenos Aires

Today begins with an **Impact Moment** focused on the work of the *Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo*, a human rights organization that has helped to restore the identities of children taken during Argentina's military coup from 1976 to 1983. Meet with someone who was personally impacted and learn about *Jos desaparecidos* ("the disappeared") and this time in Argentina's history. This afternoon, **it's your choice** how you see more of the city. Choose between two walking tours, either exploring the captivating Recoleta Cemetery **-OR-** discovering the colourful murals of the Palermo neighbourhood. This evening, it's time to live like the locals! Take a lesson from a professional tango dancer, then take your moves to the dance floor at a local milongas social club. (B)

### Day 8: Thursday, January 28, 2027 Buenos Aires

Today is yours to explore Buenos Aires as you wish, taking your time to wander through neighbourhoods, savour Argentine cuisine, or maybe visit the city's fantastic opera house. Add another stamp to your passport during a full day optional excursion to one of Uruguay's oldest towns. Take an early morning ferry across the Rio de Plata to Colonia del Sacramento\*\* with its picturesque cobblestone streets and charming cafes. Travel into the Uruguayan countryside for an included lunch, followed by free time to explore the city's Historic Quarter before returning to Buenos Aires by ferry. Tonight, perhaps you'll decide to join an optional tango show and dinner at a popular tango house. (B)

### Day 9: Friday, January 29, 2027 Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires

Set out into the countryside to explore Argentina's Pampas region. In San Antonio de Areco, discover the small town's strong connection with silversmithing and *gaucho* culture. A visit to *Museo Draghi* offers the chance to see silversmiths at work and admire a private collection of silverware. Then, it's on to experience a true taste of *gaucho* life by spending the rest of the day on a traditional *estancia*, following a bumpy, unpaved road to the gates of the ranch's sprawling land and inviting, rustic house. You may decide to explore the property by horseback or horse drawn carriage or perhaps head inside the main house to relax

and take in views from the porch. Gather for a traditional *asado* lunch, with flame-cooked meats served at the table along with sides and wine. Later, sit back and enjoy a folk performance of *gaucho* traditions with singing, dancing, and displays of horsemanship – topping off an unforgettable encounter with this South American way of life. This evening back in Buenos Aires, gather for dinner at a local restaurant and toast to the end of a grand adventure. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Saturday, January 30, 2027 Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls, Brazil

Fly to Iguazu Falls – located at the crossroads of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay – hailed as the most beautiful waterfalls in the world and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Board the Rainforest Ecological Train inside the national park on the Argentine side and walk to the platform overlooking powerful Devil's Throat. Discover unparalleled views of five waterfalls as they plummet into the Iguazu River. Cross to the Brazilian side and check into your resort. Cap off your day with a relaxing dinner. (D)

### Day 11: Sunday, January 31, 2027 Iguazu Falls

Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazilian side. Join your local guide as you discover how Brazil and Argentina have both fought to protect the beauty and raw power of the falls by making each side a national park. You will see first-hand why Eleanor Roosevelt, upon seeing Iguazu Falls, exclaimed "Poor Niagara." The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the many amenities at your resort. (B, D)

### Day 12: Monday, February 1, 2027 Iguazu - Buenos Aires

After breakfast, cross the border for a final time and transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Enjoy an evening at leisure in this dynamic city. (B)

### Day 13: Tuesday, February 2, 2027 Buenos Aires - Extension Ends

Take advantage of seeing more on your own. Your extension comes to a close today. (B)