

A TASTE OF ARGENTINA

November 8-18, 2009

Hosted by guitarist
and founder of the Wine Seller
Joe Euro!



Join wine merchant and wine expert Joe Euro and discover the sumptuous wines of South America! Designed specifically for lovers of fine wines, in Argentina you'll visit lush vineyards and meet extraordinary producers. Sample mouth watering wines, delectable olive oils, explore colorful villages, visit a working ranch and attend a passionate tango performance. With a small group of fellow wine and food lovers discover the culture, stunning landscapes and historic wine regions of Argentina with wine expert Joe Euro!

YOUR JOURNEY...

1 Night	Overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina
3 Nights	Buenos Aires
5 Nights	Mendoza
1 Night	Overnight flight home

EXPEDITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Spend a day at an estancia (ranch) to experience the life of the gauchos, who display their horsemanship and share their traditional songs and foods ♦ A passionate Tango performance ♦ Discover the fascinating life of Eva Perón at the Evita Museum, home to clothing, artwork and documents that belonged to the beloved First Lady of Argentina ♦ A tour of the Buenos Aires neighborhoods, markets and museums ♦ Country lunches and numerous wine tastings in Mendoza with the producers.

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"Wine is sunlight, held together by water."
Galileo Galilei (1564-1642)

IT'S INCLUDED

- ☞ An expert Earthbound Expeditions guide.
- ☞ Hosted by wine expert Joe Euro of the Wine Seller, Port Townsend.
- ☞ Roundtrip air from Seattle and domestic flights within Argentina.
- ☞ Private transportation throughout the visit.
- ☞ Charming superior three and four star accommodations throughout your journey
- ☞ Lunch at wineries: Ruca Malen, Belasco de Baquedano, Almacén del Sur and Posada Salentein.
- ☞ Numerous wine tastings with the producers at Achaval Ferrer, Terrazas de los Andes, Melipal, Decero, Pulenta Estate, Tempus Alba, Tapaus and Andeluna.
- ☞ All breakfasts and fourteen additional multi course meals.
- ☞ Fascinating local guides and private city tours in Buenos Aires and Mendoza.
- ☞ A Tango performance in Buenos Aires
- ☞ Outings to villages and markets.
- ☞ Country and city maps.
- ☞ A pre-trip reading list

TRIP FACTS

11 Days/10 Nights (*including air travel days*)
\$2,950- PP Dbl Occup (*land only with 16-20 guests*)
\$3,995- PP Dbl Occup (*land + air with 16-20 guests*)
\$575.00 Single Supplement (*waived if you are willing to share*)
Trip departs Seattle on Sunday, November 8, 2009
Trip returns to Seattle on Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Air Reduction: Make your own flight reservations and deduct \$1,045- from the price shown above.

Not Included: Air taxes and surcharges, travel insurance and any items not mentioned in your Earthbound itinerary.

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“Wine makes every meal an occasion,
every table more elegant, every day more civilized.”
-Andre Simon, "Commonsense of Wine"

YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS...

Saturday, November 8

Day 1: Depart Seattle on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Sunday, November 9

Day 2: Welcome to Buenos Aires

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires you will be met by an Earthbound representative and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Enjoy an introductory city tour this afternoon, rest up, then meet your guide and host Joe Euro for a “Bienvenidos en Argentina” feast. *Sleep in Buenos Aires*

Day 3: Discover Buenos Aires and evening Tango

Buenos Aires is exceptional: dynamic, sophisticated and overwhelming: an ever-astonishing combination of Euro city atmosphere and the charm of Latin America. Enjoy an in-depth introduction to the city’s history, architecture and the culture. Together we’ll explore the lively and bustling downtown area, the “aristocratic” northern, as well as the working class related southern districts. We visit the most significant sites of the city, acknowledging the transformation of a village that grew into a megalopolis. And, no trip to Buenos Aires would be complete without learning about the fascinating life of Eva Perón at the Evita Museum, home to clothing, artwork and documents that belonged to the beloved First Lady of Argentina. Enjoy a multi-course dinner out on the town and an evening tango performance. *Sleep in Buenos Aires*

Day 4: A day in the countryside

Beneath seemingly endless horizons, the grassy plains of the Pampas region were the original *gaucho* country, now occupied by sprawling cattle ranches. Today you’ll enjoy a trip to out to an Estancia (ranch): a vivid introduction to the Argentinian countryside and its culture. The road leads us to San Antonio de Areco, located 110 Km away from Buenos Aires, and the former colonial border. We walk along the very well preserved historical center visiting its main square, the County hall, the main church and the workshops of famous silversmiths, for whose work the Pampas region is well known. Before noon we drive to one of the area’s significant ranch houses known as an *estancia*. There we enjoy an exquisite *criollo* lunch and will learn a thing or two about life as a gaucho.

Different activities are available during the afternoon: from horseback riding, walks, bird watching and weather-permitting, a dip in the swimming pool. Before heading back to Buenos Aires, a typical countryside “tea” is provided with empanadas, barbecue, salads; ice cream or fruit salad and sweet pastries. *Sleep in Buenos Aires*

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*"To take wine into our mouths is to savor a droplet
of the river of human history."
Clifton Paul Fadiman*

Day 5: Buenos Aires- Mendoza

This morning we fly approximately 500 miles north to the charming wine capital of Argentina, Mendoza. Ask a local what she likes best about Mendoza, and she is likely to tell you *la tranquilidad* ~ the tranquility of what must be Argentina's loveliest city. It's an artificial oasis however, receiving no more than 5 days of rain per year. A scarce commodity, water is celebrated in the trickling fountains of the city's many lovely plazas, in the shade of the dike-supported trees that line the boulevards, and in the tranquil nature of the residents who reap the benefits of the centuries-old roadside canal system. You'll enjoy Mendoza's cafes, plazas, and many fantastic restaurants. This is a city that lives life outdoors, with many public places, cafes, and street-side restaurants that bustle from noon to night.

After an introductory walking tour of the city center we'll check into our hotel, rest up, then meet for an evening wine tasting and dinner at 1884 Francis Mallmann (Escorihuela Winery).

Sleep in Mendoza

Day 6: A day in the vineyards

Today we begin the serious sampling of this region's delicious wines and cuisine, beginning with Achaval-Ferrer. Achaval-Ferrer is the quintessential boutique winery producing only limited quantities of high quality red wines. A strong bond and shared love for Mendoza's land brought together a group of Argentinian and Italian friends to launch their "wine adventure" in 1998.

Our second stop will be the Ruca Malen Winery. The dream of Ruca Malen began in 1998, when Jean Pierre Thibaud resigned from his 10 year post as president of Chandon Cellars Argentina. Along with Jacques Louis of Montalembert, the two men agreed to pursue a mutual passion: their own cellar in Mendoza, a paradise in the low foothills of the Andes. Ruca Malen is the result and is devoted to the production of excellent wines in the magnificent earth of Mendoza.

Our last winery stop today is Catena Zapata. Today Nicolás Catena Zapata is recognized as the pioneer of the production of wines of quality in Mendoza. 2001 was the inauguration of the new cellar, Catena Zapata, inspired by Mayan architecture and located in the area of Agrelo, in Mendoza at 950m above sea level. *Sleep in Mendoza*

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Day 7: Wineries at Valle de Uco

We continue our winery visits with three more fine estates.

First stop is the Pulenta Estate. Located in Alto Agrelo, Lujan de Cuyo, this winery belongs to two brothers: Eduardo and Hugo Pulenta. The winery has a modern and simple design, surrounded by 135 hectares of high quality vines. Each grape variety has achieved its high quality and delicate balance through the combination of dedicated work and high technology.

Our second visit is to the Salentein winery. In the area of Tunuyán in the high Uco Valley, the winemaking tradition of one of the most important Mendocinean families united with capital and European technology in the creation of Salentein Cellars. With a unique location, more than 1,200 meters above sea level in the foothills of the Andes, the Cellar's cruciform construction is of an unprecedented design.

Finally, we conclude today's visit with Andeluna. Andeluna winery is located at the feet of the Andes in a 200-hectare estate. Its classical architecture combined with the outstanding landscape of the Andes and Tupungato Mountains, contrasts with the high technology of their winemaking. Andeluna's dining room has a wide table and open kitchen for tasting each step of the process of creating outstanding Argentine food and wine. The wine bar invites you to discover the secrets of a wine tradition of over a hundred years. *Sleep in Mendoza*

Day 8: New Wineries

Our day begins with a visit to the Melipal winery, a modern winery founded in 2003 by the Arisiti family. The project is the result of perseverance and enthusiasm, coupled with the perfect combination of vineyard, region, and artisans to achieve its ultimate expression in wine. Located in the exclusive Agrelo zone, its bold architecture integrates with the landscape. The winery produces only high-end wines based on Malbec varietals from their own two vineyards which have more than 85 years of winemaking heritage.

Our second visit is the Belasco de Baquedano Winery where we'll also have lunch. Owned by La Navarra Group, the goal was to discover new sources and deepen the culture of wine brought to Mendoza, Argentina. Thus began the project of Baquedano Belasco with the acquisition of 70 acres of vineyards planted extra early in the last century ensuring a great field premium. The winery specializing in developing high quality Malbec, is located in the department of Lujan de Cuyo, in a spectacular setting, just at the foot of the Andes.

Finally, we end our day at Decero Winery, owned by the Schmidheiny family of Swiss origin. This project began in 2000 when Thomas Schmidheiny ventured into the Argentine wine industry in Mendoza. After an intensive survey of the land, he chose the High Agrelo, deciding it possessed the best conditions for growing grapes of high quality wine. The cellar was built to produce premium wines. *Sleep in Mendoza*

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Day 9: Wine & Delicatessen

Our first visit today is to the Tempus Alba Winery, located in Coquimbito, just 30 minutes away from Mendoza city. The drive to the winery is a pleasant journey through the ever changing colours and shapes of the Andes, harmonizing with a rural landscape of sprawling fields with olive and almond trees as well as vineyards. Once in the winery, the winemaker as well as other people involved in the process of creating Tempus Alba wines will explain in a professional but passionate language all the details related to the winemaking process.

Next we have lunch and visit the Almacén del Sur winery. An elegant and warm ambiance allows the visitor to fully enjoy the quality of an open kitchen and outstanding views while a special gastronomic experience takes place with Almacen del Sur delicatessen. The combination of flavours and aromatic spices entice visitors to open their senses and try the new possibilities offered while learning about these world-famous products.

And finally, we visit the Tapaus winery. Cellar Tapaus, inaugurated in May of 2004, is stunning with a modern facade of stone, wood, large windows and a five-pointed star visible as you enter the main hall door. This establishment is synonymous with ethics and premium quality in the world of distillation. The distillery, located in Lunlunta, in the Maipú district, has a low production: 60,000 bottles annually that contain the magic of gin, anisette, grappa and fruit liquors produced with a wine base.

Upon return in Mendoza we'll enjoy one last feast together with host Joe Euro.

Sleep in Mendoza

Day 10. Depart Mendoza for the USA

This morning we depart Mendoza for Buenos Aires, where we transfer to our international flight home.

Day 11: Arrive home on Wednesday, November 18-

Buen Viaje!

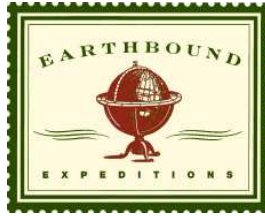
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Yes, I would like to join Joe Euro and fellow wine lover's on a journey to Argentina!

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Destination: Argentina, 2009

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I am traveling alone: YES NO

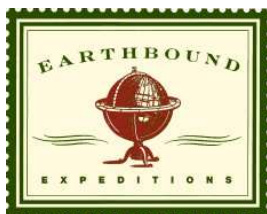
I wish a single room throughout the tour YES NO

Please assign a roommate: YES NO

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How did you hear about us? _____

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