

Salta y Jujuy 5 D/4N

Day 1 - Salta

After arrival to Salta's airport, transfer to your Hotel.

Day 2 - Salta City tour

Breakfast. City tour

Departure from the hotel for a panoramic sightseeing tour of the city of Salta, one of the most picturesque cities in the country, known as 'Salta, the beautiful', probably due to its privileged setting in the lovely Lerma Valley and to the eye-catching contrast of its old colonial buildings with its modern urban architecture. Salta is, beyond any doubt, the Argentine city which has best preserved its colonial heritage, with its one-story houses and its typical balconies with richly ornate colonial-style bars. The neuralgic center of the city is 9 de



Julio Square, around which some of the most important buildings in the city are situated, as well as the main hotels and many bars and restaurants. The visit will make it possible to have a look at the most precious gems dating back to colonial times, such as: the Church and Monastery of San Francisco, rebuilt in the mid XVIII century, declared Minor Main Church by the Vatican in 1997; the 'Cabildo and Historic Museum of the Northwest' (old seat of the viceroyalty government and of the provincial government later on), the San Bernardo Monastery, dating back to the late XVI century, which boasts a carob-tree main gate considered a jewel of the local colonial art; and the Italian-style building of the Main Church, built in the XX century, that houses the mortal remains of the hero of the Independence Wars, General Martín Miguel de Güemes. The tour goes up to San Bernardo Hill, where stands the Monument to General Martín Miguel de Güemes. From the hill you will get a great view of the city and the Lerma Valley. The visit ends at the Handicraft Market where some most assorted examples of the local craftsmen's skills can be appreciated. All around the province of Salta nice pieces of pottery, basketry, knitted 'barracan' fabrics, tapestries and 'ponchos' are produced, as well as music instruments.

Day 3 - Full Day Cafayate

Breakfast. Full day tour to Cafayate.



Cafayate, is a beautiful wine region, in the north of the country, in Salta. Is the highest wine region in Argentina, which vineyards are at 1800 metres above sea level. The grape Torrontes, is the native stock, a white wine of intense scent and fruity flavour. The perfect combinations, between culture and wine. First, we go to the Lerma Valley (where Saltenian Tobacco is grown) until we reach the rail station of "Alemania"; then, we go to the unique Las Conchas Gorge which has several geological formations created by wind and rain erosion and which received

different names such as La Garganta del Diablo (The Devil's Throat), El Anfiteatro (The Amphitheatre), El Sapo (The Frog), El Fraile (The Friar), Los Castillos (The Castles), Las Ventanas (The Windows) and other. When we reach Cafayate, we visit some wine cellars, where you will learn about how grapevines are grown, the making of wines and you will be able to taste excellent wines. Then we have lunch, take a stroll around the town and, in the afternoon, we come back to Salta.

Day 4 - Full Day Humahuaca (Jujuy)

Breakfast. Full day tour to Humahuaca.

Departure from the hotel towards the well-know Humahuaca Gorge, along National Route 9 to reach San

Salvador de Jujuy, capital city of Jujuy province. From here the route enters the gorge, a deep fissure in the Altiplano (High Plateau), produced by the eroding action of the Grande River. The route passes by the small village of Tumbaya, to finally reach Purmamarca, a picturesque town seemingly stuck in ancient times, with the striking Cerro de los Siete Colores ('Seven Colored Mount) which frames its adobe parish church devoted to St. Rosa de Lima dating back to 1648 and declared National Historic Monument. A short stop to stroll around its main square is a



'must', since several local vendors gather there offering their wood carvings, hand-woven carpets and tapestries and a wide assortment of medicinal and aromatic herbs for every possible ailment. The tour continues to Tilcara, passing by Maimará which will be visited on the way back since because of the sun position in the afternoon, it looks much nicer at that time of the day. Upon arrival in Tilcara, visit the Pucará de Tilcara, old pre-Colombian aborigine stronghold partially rebuilt, and the Historic Museum of the Province in front of the main square, which counts with an interesting asset of inca art pieces coming from different sites in Argentina, Peru, Bolivia and Chile. The climb continues, and upon reaching Huacalera the route crosses the Capricorn Tropic. In Uquía you may visit the local parish church which holds the oldest altarpiece in the region and a collection of paintings coming from Cuzco representing the harquebuser angels. Finally arrive at Humahuaca, located at 2,939 meters above sea level, founded by

local aborigines in 1594 and unique for its pure colonial style with its abode houses, its narrow cobblestones streets and colonial style street lamps, but mainly because of the exquisite kindness of its people. It is interesting to stop for a minute at its main square around which the most important buildings and monuments gather, such as: the church, the old Town Hall, and the Monument to the Wars of the Argentine Independence (currently known as Monument to the Aborigine) and the city fair. Return to Jujuy through the same route, stopping, as promised at Maimará, to be surprised by the colorful 'Painter's Palette, notorious formation on the mountain slope and the 'People's Cemetery'. On the way back to Salta pay a short visit to San Salvador de Jujuy and its main buildings, which as in most Argentine provincial cities, gather around the main square: the Cathedral, the Town Hall, the Government House, and also San Francisco Church

Día 5- Salta

Breakfast.. Transfer to Salta's airport. End of our services.



- Tourist Hotel. *Consult for other hotels category
- Rates in DOLLARS - No residents
- Rates and availability to be confirmed upon request.
- Accommodation with breakfast
- Transfers and Excursion in regular service
- Entrances not included
- Flights not included