

CHILE, ARGENTINA & URUGUAY

Hosted by Joe Euro Wine Merchant/ Sommelier/ Guitarist and
Founder of the Wine Seller, Port Townsend, Washington
February 12- 24, 2010

*“If I have to apply five turns to the screw each day for the happiness of
Argentina, I will do it.”*

Evita Peron



The time is ripe! Join Joe Euro, seven time veteran host for Earthbound Expeditions, on a culturally rich 13-day, 12-night sumptuous wine tour to Argentina and Chile. En route from Santiago to Buenos Aires, you'll sip velvety smooth wines in Mendoza, cross the Andes at sunrise into Argentina and enjoy the full flavored wines of the Calchagua Valley.

In addition, you'll be treated to an evening Tango performance, a hands-on cooking class, private tours of world-class museums and outings to colorful markets. You won't want to miss out on this historic, perfectly blended adventure to South America with Sommelier Joe Euro!

Trip at a Glance

1 Night	Overnight flight to Chile
1 Nights	Santiago, Chile
3 Nights	Santa Cruz, Chile
1 Night	Portillo Mountain Resort, Chile
3 Nights	Mendoza, Argentina
2 Nights	Buenos Aires, Argentina
3 Night	Post tour option to Iguazú Falls
1 Night	Overnight return flight



Journey Highlights

Numerous private wine tastings with local producers in Chile and Argentina ♦ Privately guided tours of each town visited ♦ A private tour of the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art ♦ A passionate Tango performance ♦ The Eva Peron Museum ♦ The handicraft market of "San Telmo" ♦ A seafood lunch in the central fish market of Santiago ♦ A lesson in cooking empanadas and carbonada & pairing Argentine foods with Malbec and Torrontés wines ♦ Visit to a colonial hacienda ♦ A wine pairing lunch in Mendoza ♦ Andes crossing into Argentina ♦ Ferry across the Rio de la Plata to Colonia, Uruguay ♦ A small group of soon-to-be-friends.

*“Latins are tenderly enthusiastic. In Brazil they throw flowers at you.
“In Argentina they throw themselves.”*
Marlene Dietrich

INCLUDED

- ✓ Hosted by Wine Merchant/Guitarist Joe Euro, founder of the Wine Seller
- ✓ Guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions program manager
- ✓ Four star hotel accommodations
- ✓ Breakfast daily plus twelve additional multi-course meals served in traditional settings
- ✓ International and domestic flights
- ✓ Private transfers by air-conditioned mini bus
- ✓ Entrances and special wine tasting events as described in your itinerary
- ✓ Fascinating city tours with informative local guides in Buenos Aires, Mendoza, Santa Cruz and Santiago
- ✓ Private museum tours highlighting the history of both countries
- ✓ A visit to the overlook point "Cerro San Cristobal"
- ✓ City tour of Valparaiso (including a cable car lift up to a stunning lookout point)
- ✓ Dinner and a lively Tango performance in Buenos Aires
- ✓ The service of a professional sommelier throughout the tour
- ✓ A special cooking class in Mendoza
- ✓ Maps and a pre-tour reading and video list
- ✓ Fun language lessons while in South America
- ✓ A pre-tour gathering and wine tasting
- ✓ A small group of like-minded travelers who share your passion for food, wine and culture.



TRIP FACTS

13 Days/12 Nights

\$3,545.00 Land only (15-22 travelers)

\$4,495.00 Land and Air from Seattle (15-22 travelers)

\$595 Single supplement (*waived if a roommate is found*)

Trip begins: Friday, February 12, 2010 at SeaTac airport (Seattle)

Trip ends: Wednesday, February 24, at SeaTac airport



Not Included: Gratuities, country taxes, travel insurance, airline taxes & surcharges and personal expenses in preparation for your journey.

Four Ways to Save \$375: **(1)** Alumni save \$100 **(2)** Refer a friend and save \$75 **(3)** Pay your final balance by check and save \$100 **(4)** Reserve your space by October 15, and save \$100

"I have one thing that counts, and that is my heart; it burns in my soul, it aches in my flesh, and it ignites my nerves: that is my love for the people and Peron."

Evita

Let the Adventure Begin...



Day 1: Friday, Feb 12: Depart North America for Chile

Day 2: Saturday, Feb 13: Arrive in Santiago in the morning

Upon arrival in Santiago this morning, you'll be greeted at the airport by your local Earthbound Expeditions guide and escorted to your beautiful, centrally located hotel. Spend some time freshening up before meeting your guide and host for a fascinating exploration of the heart of Santiago. Visit Santa Lucia hill, where Pedro de Valdivia founded the city in 1542 and walk to the oldest church in Santiago. See the charming neighborhood known as Paris-Londres and visit the main square, "Plaza de Armas." Welcome dinner included this evening. *Sleep in Santiago*

Day 3: Sunday, Feb 14: Santiago to Santa Cruz

This morning we set out to discover one of South America's most amazing museums, the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Housed in the elegant building of the former Royal Customs House, this is one of Chile's best museums and offers visitors a rare glimpse into Chile's pre-Columbian past.



We'll have lunch in the colorful and chaotic Mercado Central, a fun way to see Chile's agricultural exports displayed. Shoppers always enjoy watching the lively fishmongers gutting and filleting fish and the market displays every kind of fish and shellfish available along the Chilean coast. After lunch, we'll drive south two hours to the beautiful town of Santa Cruz. Located in the heart of Chile's premier wine valley, Santa Cruz is the perfect location in which to start our wine adventure of Chile. *Sleep in Santa Cruz*

*“Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter,
Sermons and soda-water the day after.”*

Lord Byron: Don Juan



Day 4: Monday, February 15: Great Wine Estates of the Colchagua Valley

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Santa Cruz and then depart for the Viña Santa Laura. While at the estate you'll enjoy an in-depth private tour, tasting and lunch. Return to Santa Cruz in the late afternoon. *Sleep in Santa Cruz*

Chile and the Carmenere Grape

No variety says "Chile" like Carmenere. Its re-emergence is the story of a happy accident. Carmenere was little more than an archival curiosity until the early 1990s, when winemakers discovered that many of the Chilean vines they had called Merlot were actually Carmenere. The grape once played a large part in Bordeaux winemaking, but its low yields forced it out of favor when French viticulturists replanted after the phylloxera outbreak of the 1880s. Meanwhile, Carmenere from France had quietly migrated to Chile, along with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. By the 1990s, Chileans were profiting from the worldwide fascination with Merlot. However, some winemakers noticed traits that set some of their Merlot apart. Analysis soon showed that Carmenere had been planted willy-nilly among the Merlot, and that much of Chilean Merlot was in reality Carmenere. Rather than panic, Chilean winemakers deftly turned scandal into opportunity. They recognized what Carmenere lovers have come to appreciate: the low tannins and big, bright blackberry fruit of Carmenere make it a delight to drink and an ideal match for a range of foods. Since Chile began actively marketing Carmenere in the mid-1990s, it has come to symbolize the nation much like Shiraz calls to mind Australia, Malbec, Argentina and Zinfandel, California. "The mix-up was understandable," said Randy Ullom, Winemaster for Kendall-Jackson and supervisor of winemaking for Calina. "Carmenere and Merlot are similar. But the trained eye can notice Carmenere sports pinkish leaves that set it apart."

“It is well to remember that there are five reasons for drinking: the arrival of a friend; one’s present or future thirst; the excellence of the wine; or any other reason.”
Latin saying

Day 5: Tuesday, February 16: Colonial Haciendas and Great Wine Estates

By private mini coach we set out to discover one of South America’s best preserved colonial estates. The World Heritage Site of the San José del Carmen de El Huique Museum is a time capsule which offers visitors an exceptional look into Spanish colonial life.

After the morning museum tour, we discover the wines and history of the Colchagua Valley. We visit Viña Montes, a winery founded by four partners and located in an area known as the “Apalta.” This region is one of the most recognized and respected wine zones in the Colchagua Valley. The Colchagua Valley was one of the main agricultural areas of the country because of big family “haciendas,” which were the productive centers of the central region of Chile. Today, remains of these old “patronal” houses can be seen along the roads along which you will travel.

Enjoy a winery visit and tasting before lunch, which will be served in a lovely setting overlooking the Colchagua Valley. We will return to historic Santa Cruz in the late afternoon. *Sleep in Santa Cruz*

Day 6: Wednesday, February 17: Into the Andes Mountains

After a hearty Chilean breakfast, we set out to explore the Museo de Colchagua. This is the largest private museum in Chile and considered by many to have the best collection of Chilean artifacts. It has a vast, eclectic collection containing pre-Columbian pottery and textiles as well as fossils, artifacts from the conquistadors, wine-making equipment and religious artwork. The museum even contains a room dedicated to huasos (Chilean cowboys). The museum is conveniently attached to the Hotel Santa Cruz Plaza. After lunch, we continue north to our mountain ski resort home in Portillo. *Sleep in the shadow of the Andes Mountains in Portillo*

Day 7: Thursday, February 18: Cross the Andes to Mendoza, Argentina!

Weather-permitting, we will see the tallest mountain in the Americas. The “Puente del Inka” or “Aconcagua” soars towards the heavens to 23,000 feet. After crossing the Argentine border we reach the town of Mendoza. Located in the heart of Argentina’s premier wine country, Mendoza is a perfectly situated. Full of charming boutiques, cafes and superb restaurants, Mendoza is Chile’s version of Napa Valley. Tonight you sample Argentina’s world-famous grass-fed beef with a fine, locally produced Malbec wine (vegetarian and poultry dishes also available). *Sleep in Mendoza*

Day 8: Friday, February 19: Argentine Culinary Secrets

After breakfast we begin our day with a bit of history of Mendoza. We'll visit "Pedro de Castillo" Square, the very place where the city was founded, learning more about the history of Mendoza and South America. In the afternoon, we continue on to visit the Bodega Zuccardi, where our hosts have prepared a very special cooking class followed by a delicious wine pairing lunch. An optional horseback riding trip into the outback with a local gaucho may be arranged for those not wishing to spend a morning in the kitchen. Ask your guide for details. We'll make our way back to Mendoza for a siesta before dinner (if anyone plans to eat again!) *Sleep in Mendoza*

Day 9: Saturday, Feb 20: An outing to the Lujan de Cuyo Valley

Spend a leisurely free morning in a café or strolling the charming streets of Mendoza. Then, enjoy a special late afternoon lunch and wine tasting at the Bodega Norton. This winery was founded in 1895 by the English engineer Mr. Edmund James Norton and is located south of the Mendoza River in the district of Perdriel. In 1989 the winery was bought by the Austrian entrepreneur Gernot Langes Swarovski and today is one of the leading wine producers in Argentina. Sample fine Cabernet Sauvignons, Malbecs, and Merlots. Afterward we'll visit two wineries: Achaval-Ferrer and Trapiche. Return to Mendoza in the late afternoon.
Sleep in Mendoza

Day 10: Sunday February 21: Buenos Aires & San Telmo market

This morning we transfer to the Mendoza airport for our morning flight to Buenos Aires. Our first visit in this world-class city is the Sunday market of San Telmo. This is where you'll capture a true slice of Buenos Aires life as you stroll past artisan stalls, entertaining street musicians and talented dancers demonstrating the Tango! Tonight we'll dine together in the Palermo district.
Sleep in Buenos Aires



Day 11: Monday February 22: Buenos Aires

This is our day to discover the history of Buenos Aires. We'll see the 16th century Plaza de Mayo with the "Casa Rosada" (government house), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the old "Cabildo" (chapter house) which was once the Spanish headquarters for this region of South America. Traveling down the "Avenida de Mayo" we arrive in historic Congreso Square which leads to both National Congress and "Corrientes Avenue," (also called "the street that never sleeps"). Near the National Congress is the newly restored opera house known as the Theater Colon and the "avenue 9 de Julio" (the world's largest avenue) known affectionately today as "La Boca." This is the district of bohemian Italian neighborhoods overflowing with colorful shops and lively cafes. Our journey culminates with a tour of the "Recoleta" and "Palermo" districts, where we'll learn about the remarkable life story of Evita (Eva Peron). Before returning to the hotel, we'll stop by the city cemetery to pay our respects to Argentina's beloved artists and intellectuals. Rest and relax at the hotel before heading out for dinner and an evening of passionate flamenco. *Sleep in Buenos Aires*

Day 12: Tuesday, February 23: An Excursion to Colonia—Uruguay!

This morning we make our way to the port, where we'll catch a ferry from Buenos Aires to Colonia, Uruguay. We'll cross the world's biggest river the "Rio de la Plata" and in just over an hour we arrive in what is commonly called the "Switzerland of South America:" Uruguay. Enjoy a private walk through the cobblestone streets of this colonial Portuguese town, after which we'll have a wine tasting and farewell lunch to toast our wonderful two weeks in South America. After lunch, you'll have free time to further explore this little gem on your own.

In the late afternoon we'll board our ferry and return to Buenos Aires. Our flight departs for the United States at 11:00pm .

Day 13: Wednesday, February 24: Arrive Home

Our exquisite journey has come to an end. Return home with a lifetime of memories.

Three day Post Tour Extension to Iguazú Falls (\$979 Dbl Occup.)

Straddling the border of Argentina and Brazil, the Iguazu Falls stretch close to 2 miles and this adventure provides opportunities to see both the panoramic views and the adrenaline-rushing up-close-and-wet version. Iguazu is a Tupi Indian name meaning 'great waters', and upon seeing this mighty testament of nature you are sure to understand why.

Day 12: Tuesday, February 23: Post Tour Extension Begins

Participants return to Buenos Aires Hotel. Those returning home to the U.S. board their flight at 11:00 pm tonight. Those staying for the extension may enjoy an evening on their own in the city. *Sleep in Buenos Aires*

Day 13: Wednesday, February 24: Post Tour to Iguazú Falls Begins

Transfer to the airport for your flight north to Iguazú Falls. Upon arrival, spend the day relaxing or exploring the surrounding area. *Sleep near Iguazú Falls*

Days 14: Thursday, February 25: Iguazú Falls

Join a half-day tour of the Brazillian National Park for amazing panoramic views of the falls, stretching almost 3 km long and containing over 270 separate cascades. The green jungle, thousands of butterflies, muggy heat and the roar of the falling water makes this an unforgettable vista. It's possible to take an easy walk into the canyon of the Devil's Throat. Spend the next day hiking the Argentine side of the falls. A train ride, a bridge walk, and a hike to the bottom all offer spectacular up-close views of the falls. There is also the option to take a 4WD to the lower part of the falls. *Sleep near Iguazú Falls*

Day 15: Friday, February 26: Return flight home: Transfer to airport and fly to Buenos Aires. Return flight to U.S. departs from Buenos Aires at 11:00 pm tonight. Overnight flight to U.S.

Day 16: Saturday, February 27: Arrive home with a lifetime of memories