

MENDOZA THE VINEYARD TRAIL

One night – two days
Total kilometers 880

DAY 1 375 km.

We commence our trip crossing the majestic **Andes Mountain Range** which is a truly unique experience as one feels dwarfed by the huge individual mountains and peaks which make up this extensive mountain range.

The **32 bends climb** to the border crossing offers a unique landscape and a certain dose of adrenalin.

Immediately after crossing the border we will stop and view the **Bridge of the Inca**, a territory with a rich history which is wrapped in numerous legends.

A little further down the road we will visit the "**Graveyard of the Mountaineers**". In this graveyard rest those mountaineers who challenged The Aconcagua. This Argentine Mountain is known as the Roof of the Americas as it is the highest summit of the American continent and with its 6952 meters of altitude it attracts climbers from all around the world.

After lunch in Uspallata we will head off towards Tupungato, where we will lodge in a beautiful vineyard in the heartland of the Mendoza Wine Region. Shortly after our arrival and once we have had a chance to clean up, we will go on a short wine tour and have the opportunity to do a little wine tasting.

In the evening we will share a typical **Argentine barbecue** which will not only consist of the world famous Argentine meat but also cooked in their traditional way – "cordero al espada" (lamb on a sword). This meal will be accompanied with wines from the local vineyard.

Lodging and Dinner in Mendoza Vineyard.

DAY 2 410 km.

We will have an early start as today we will be returning to Santiago via the Caracoles (**los Caracoles de Villavicencio**), which is a series of **365 bends** on a fantastic gravel road which will delight us with some very interesting flora and fauna and a spectacular view of the Andes Mountains range. We should also get to see some wild **Vicuna!!**

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Before we commence climbing the Caracoles and negotiating the 365 bends, we will stop for a short coffee break in the restaurant Villavicencio where there specialty is home made bread and smoked ham.

After conquering the amazing Caracoles we will reach a plateau of 3000m and ride through some fantastic scenery on gravel road until we reach the **old Paramillo mine** which was discovered and worked by the **Jesuits** in 1614. We will stop here (puesto agua de la zorra) for lunch.

After lunch we will initiate our return to Santiago via Uspallata and then the township of Los Andes once we have crossed the border.

END OF TOUR

Prices (Based on double occupancy)

Rider with BMW R 1200 GS 2008 / 2009 Model	- US\$	1,355
Pillion passenger / support vehicle passenger	- US\$	585
Single room supplement (optional)	- US\$	120

Includes

- Bilingual Motorcycle guide (English and Spanish) for the entire tour
- Lodging in Argentine vineyard with American breakfast included
- Dinner (Entrée, main course, desert, two glasses of wine)
- One lunch
- Guided wine tour with tasting
- Fuel and oils for entire trip
- 4 x 4 Support vehicle with driver
- One spare motorbike towed on a trailer
- Motorbike Spare Parts
- One mobile phone per rider
- Coffee, tea, soft drinks, biscuits
- Motorbikes with panniers and tank bag
- Maps of Chile, Argentine
- Documents for borders crossing
- Insurance in Argentina for third parties.
- Insurance for third parties in Chile
- Satellite phone for emergencies
- Personal gift from South America Motorbike Tours