



## SALTA WEEK

7 days - 6 nights



- ✓ Accommodation and breakfast - Double Room
- ✓ Transfer IN OUT APT/HTL/APT
- ✓ Regular Tours on special vehicles with Spanish & English Guide
- ✓ Permanent Coordination

### Itinerary

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#### **Salta - City Tour**

Reception and transfer from Salta Airport to the hotel. City Tour in Salta. Ascent of Cerro San Bernardo. We will visit the Cathedral, the Church of San Francisco, the Town Hall and the Historic Museum of the North, the craft market and the San Bernardo Hill.

The Church of San Francisco is a magnificent Franciscan temple with fine architecture ornaments. The Town Hall was built in different periods, but has a predominant Baroque style. Looms and silver objects can be bought at the handicraft market. San Lorenzo is the summer village in Salta par excellence.



#### **The Calchaquí Valley Circuit -Through Cafayate**

Breakfast at the hotel. In our first day traveling around the Calchaquí Valleys, we will head for Cafayate. We will walk around the fertile Lerma Valley, an important tobacco growing area nowadays. A winding way skirting strange mountain shapes will lead us to the Devil's Gorge and El Anfiteatro where you will hear the echo of any sound with a perfect acoustic.

Little by little, the dryness of the landscape is replaced by great extensions of vineyards, which tells us we are near Cafayate. Land of the sun and wine that will offer us its craftsmanship, the archeological museum, the five-nave cathedral, and the most antique and famous wineries which will inebriate our souls with oak and torrantes wine.



#### **The Calchaquí Valley Circuit – Through Cachi**

Breakfast at the hotel. In our second day, we will make the Circuit of the Calchaquí Valleys, but this time we will go to Cachi. We will go through captivating landscapes such as the rough beauty of Cuesta del Obispo (Bishop's Slope) and La Quebrada de Escolpe (Escolpe Ravine).

We will cross Los Cardones National Park to go quietly through red pepper plantations. We will get to Cachi Town, framed by the stunning snowy peaks of 6,384 m.a.s.l.

In the narrow paved streets of this nice town you may still see the old church with adobe walls and cordon roofs, many pre-Hispanic establishments and mortuary urns. Watching the alfalfa, vegetables plantations and peppers dryers is a color spectacle that will make our bustling around worthwhile.



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#### **Quebrada de Humahuaca**

Breakfast at the hotel. We will see La Quebrada de Humahuaca and its pre-Hispanic town, which seem frozen in time. La Quebrada de Humahuaca was declared as World Culture and Natural Heritage in 2003. We will go from Jujuy up to the North, going through Yala, León, Lozano and Volcán up to Purmamarca.

Then we will set for Maimará, where we will stop over to watch the height cemetery and Paleta del Pintor (Painter's Palette) Hill. In Tilcara, we will visit the well-known Pucará, and in Humahuaca we will see the Independence Monument. In Uquía, we will visit the Church and the Tropic of Capricorn. We will spend the night in Humahuaca.

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#### **Train to the Clouds - Optional**

Breakfast at the hotel. Train of the Clouds – transfers to the station included (the train is open all Saturdays from April to November. The rest of the year it is replaced by the Safari to the Clouds (4x4 trucks), Salinas Grandes y Purmamarca are included in the journey. We'll take the Train of the Clouds to go to the viaduct La Polvorilla, ascending up to 4,220 metres above the sea level.

This railroad of incredible engineering was created in 1941 to be used by heavy trains to carry minerals. It travels 220 km crossing valleys, canyons and the Puna and goes through places like the Quebrada del Toro, the zigzag of Alisal station and the La Polvorilla viaduct.

At the Alisal station, the train changes to a parallel track and the locomotive goes to the back of the train to lead it inside a tunnel. Once it crosses the tunnel the locomotive goes back to normal position. During the year, the aborigines sell their crafts, especially ponchos.

*Note: In case of failure, Train to the Clouds will be replaced by the Safari to the Clouds (route similar to that carried out the train but in 4X4 vehicles)*

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#### **Salta**

Breakfast at the hotel. Day off.

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#### **Salta - Buenos Aires**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport of Salta. Welcome at Jorge Newbery Airport in Buenos Aires. Transfer to Ezeiza International Airport.