Journey Highlights

• Explore the renowned Uco Valley’s Wine Road and savor the intense aromas and rich flavors of Argentina’s world-class wine.

• Visit Casa Pueblo, home and atelier of Uruguayan artist Carlos Paez Vilaro, and view some of his work.

• Cruise through Argentina’s Los Glaciares National Park and see spectacular blue glaciers up close.

• Visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the historic quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento and the Museum of the Industrial Revolution.

• Immerse in the history and enticing tradition of the tango in Uruguay and Argentina.

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October 20 - PUNTA DEL ESTE
After breakfast, get better acquainted with Punta del Este. At Portezuelo and Punta Ballena take in sweeping views of the coast, then visit the Museum Casa Pueblo, home and atelier of the famous Uruguayan artist Carlos Paez Vilaro. The dazzling white complex, resembling Spanish-Moroccan architecture, is situated on a rocky bluff overlooking the ocean. Vilaró built it in 1958 with his own hands, using only traditional tools. Narrow steps lead to a maze of rooms scattered on different levels and filled with the artist’s works. Drive through the elegant residential areas of Punta del Este, such as San Rafael, Cantegril, Parque Golf, and Beverly Hills to our lunch venue—Restaurant Lo de Tere which offers seasonal products, the best Uruguayan beef, fresh seafood, and a selection of the most prestigious Uruguayan wines.

The afternoon is free to explore Punta del Este and its beaches on your own. Take a walk along Gorlero Avenue, visit the art galleries, grab a coffee at a beachfront café, or go shopping on 20th Street, where many great designers have their boutiques.

October 21 - PUNTA DEL ESTE / COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO / CARMELO
After breakfast, depart overland for Colonia del Sacramento. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at a typical restaurant, then embark on a tour of this charming town on the shores of the La Plata River. Visit the San Carlos Bullfight Arena and San Benito Chapel, as well as charming neighborhoods and shopping areas. Then take a walk through the pedestrian-only Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded in 1680 by the Portuguese, in the historic center you will find the old city gates, the atmospheric “Street of Sighs,” the ruins of the San Francisco Church (the oldest ruins in Uruguay), the Lighthouse, Governor’s House, the Sacramento Basilica, and other attractive sites.
After this, continue to Carmelo. Set along the shores of the Río de la Plata, it is perhaps Uruguay’s best-kept secret—boasting golden, riverfront beaches, quaint cobblestone streets, and an up-and-coming wine region. Check in to the Hotel Carmelo Resort & Spa by Hyatt.

October 22 - CARMELO / FRAY BENTOS / CARMELO
Today, take a scenic drive to the small Uruguayan town Fray Bentos, once called the “Kitchen of the World.” Here, in 1863, the German-British Liebig Extract of Meat Company was established and produced meat extract, tinned beef, and by-products that fed generations of Europeans and allied troops during World Wars I and II. At the Museum of the Industrial Revolution, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, view the machinery used to process meat, an 1893 Merryweather water pumping machine, a complete canning plant, a laboratory, and hundreds of photos showing the workers’ lives at the Liebig Company.

Return to your hotel in Carmelo for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, go to the nearby vineyard and estancia (ranch), Finca Narbona, for a tasting of their exclusive wines and homemade cheese. Dinner will be served in The Cave, delightfully decorated with candles, a long wooden table, antique candelabra, and vintage barrels from France. After more wine, cheese, and a superb dinner, enjoy famous dulce de leche pancakes, a typical Uruguayan dessert.

October 23 - CARMELO / COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO / BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA / MENDOZA / UCO VALLEY
After breakfast, transfer to the ferry for your journey to Buenos Aires, the political, cultural, and economic center of Argentina. Enjoy lunch along the riverfront before transferring to the airport for your flight to Mendoza. Check in to The Vines Resort & Spa, nestled at the base of the Andes in the Uco Valley.

October 24 - UCO VALLEY
A combination of high altitude (3,000 – 4,000 feet), alluvial soils, and more than 250 sunny days per year, make the Uco Valley a premier grape-growing region. Join local guides to visit world-class vineyards and wineries where you will learn about growing techniques and sample a variety of vintages accompanied by perfectly paired snacks. Your day ends with a typical Argentine asado among the vineyards.

October 25 - UCO VALLEY / MENDOZA
This morning, return to Mendoza and check in to the Mendoza Park Hyatt with the rest of the morning at leisure. An afternoon city tour takes you to the Franciscan ruins, various plazas, and San Martin Park, a beautiful green space with a large artificial lake. Your tour ends at the delightful Zampa Restaurant for a dinner of tapas.

October 26 - MENDOZA / BUENOS AIRES / EL CALAFATE / BAHIA TRANQUILA / EMBARK GLACIER CRUISE
Today, board your flight for El Calafate via Buenos Aires. Upon arrival, transfer to Bahia Tranquila and embark the elegant M/V Santa Cruz for an expedition to the Southern Patagonian Glaciers. Settle in to your deluxe cabin and enjoy dramatic scenery as the ship navigates the narrow fjords; disembark for a hike before dinner on board.

October 27 - GLACIER CRUISE
After breakfast, disembark for a scenic hike. Back on board, the ship will cruise toward Canal Spegazzini, where you will have lunch facing the spectacular Spegazzini Glacier. Continue to Upsala Glacier where you will be able to view a flotilla of icebergs in every imaginable shape and size. The final stop of the day is Bahia Toro at Seno Mayo where you will disembark for a hike to view a lovely waterfall.
October 28 - BAHIA TRANQUILA / EL CALAFATE
Today the ship cruises south, making stops at the Mayo and Black Glaciers. Navigate through the Canal de los Tempanos to the Perito Moreno Glacier, one of the few advancing glaciers in the world. Disembark in Bahia Tranquila and transfer to El Calafate, a peaceful town located on the shores of Lake Argentino. Check in to Hotel Kosten Aike with the rest of the evening at leisure.

October 29 - EL CALAFATE / BUENOS AIRES
Today, visit the Glaciarium Museum, the first museum in South America dedicated to the glaciers and ice of Patagonia. This interactive museum has themed rooms, exhibitions showing recent research, multimedia programs, and audiovisuals. After this, enjoy lunch at Il Macchiatto Restaurant, then transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. Check in to our hotel with the chance to settle in before a grand farewell cocktail party and dinner at Casa Coupage in Palermo, one of the trendiest neighborhoods in Buenos Aires.

October 30 - BUENOS AIRES / DEPARTURE
A morning tour immerses us in the history of Argentina’s enticing tradition, the tango. We’ll explore the birth of the tango in the 19th century in La Boca, Buenos Aires iconic neighborhood of colorful houses and vibrant cultural traditions.

After seeing tango performed in its birthplace, we’ll celebrate the golden age of tango, the 1940s, in a Milonga atmosphere. Then, at an authentic Tango Salon we’ll share a modern tango with a champagne toast of farewell to Argentina before heading back to our hotel. Transfer to the airport for your independent homeward flight this evening.

MEET YOUR LEADER

MARTA LUNA
A native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Marta speaks Portuguese, French, Italian, and English. She’s an “insatiable traveler,” very interested in history, art, and literature, and paints as a hobby. Marta became an American citizen in 1983 and the same year, began accompanying and translating for special groups such as archaeologists and museum curators. She has served as a Travel Director for Travcoa since 1985, and lives in both Argentina and Italy.
RATES

$14,490 per person, double occupancy; $17,180 per person, single occupancy

Limited to 14 guests.

INCLUDED:

• All meals, excluding alcohol and caviar, beginning with dinner on the arrival date and ending with breakfast on the departure date
• Transportation
• Luxury accommodations
• All excursions in the company of a Travel Director and expert local guides
• Luggage transfers
• All gratuities to local guides and port charges
• Group and individual airport transfers on arrival and departures dates
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• Gratuity for your Travel Director

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