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TORRONTÉS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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The Highest Vineyards in the world The Slow Argentina Torrontés and Cabernet Sauvignon

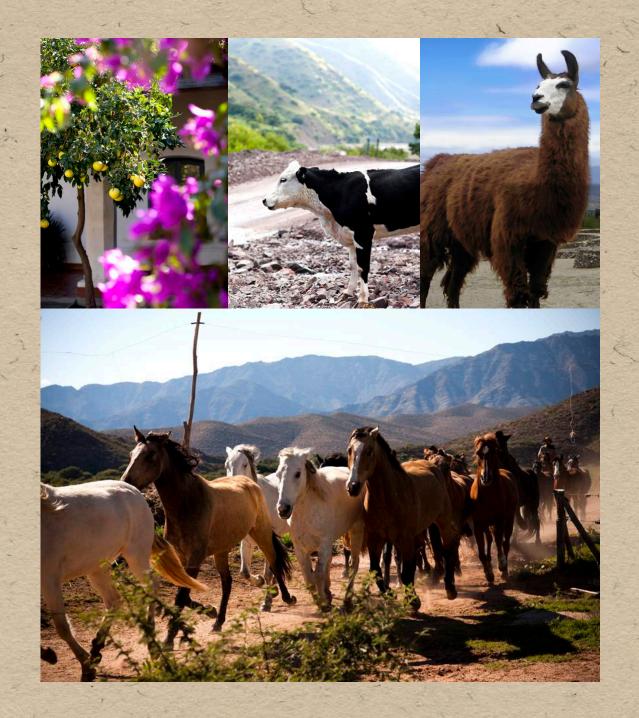
Elevation: 1,000-2,000 meters - highest vineyards in the world.

Latitude: 26° South.

Soils and topography: Deep loamy with clay, sand and silt.

Climate: Hundreds of small valleys flanked by mountains. The high altitude sun would be too bright if it weren't for the "foehn effect" that causes the clouds to circle the hills and mountains, providing a constant afternoon shade. Very cool nights, down to 12°C in the summer, typical of mountain climate.





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Flora and Fauna:
Cacti of all sorts
from the gigantic
up to 6 meters
tall multistemmed cacti to
the tiny prickly
pears growing on
rocks everywhere.

Llamas, wild horses, cows and goats roam freely on the windy mountain roads.



Varieties Planted:

Torrontés: 878 Ha

Malbec: 772 Ha

Cabernet Sauvignon: 478 Ha

Tannat: 110 Ha

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Most famous dish:

Empanadas Salteñas sirloin beef chopped and fried in lard with onions, red pepper and cumin; a boiled egg and bits of potatoes are added to the meat, wrapped in dough and baked in an outdoor mud oven.

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Historical
facts: Folklore
says that the
daughter of the
Spanish
governor who
was studying in
Paris, brought
Cabernet
Sauvignon
cuttings from
Bordeaux to
Salta in the
18th century.

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Tren de las Nubes

From Salta, the Tren a las Nubes (Train to the Clouds) ascends the multicolored Quebrada del Toro, continuing past the important ruins of Tastil. The track makes countless switchbacks and even spirals, passing through 21 tunnels more than 3000m (9842ft) in total length, and crossing 31 iron bridges and 13 viaducts.

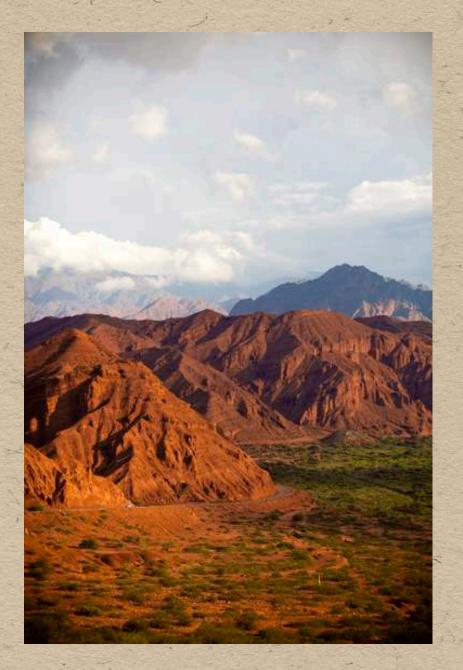
The trip's highlight is a stunning viaduct which is 64m (210ft) high and 224m (735ft) long, and spans an enormous desert canyon at La Polvorilla - a magnificent engineering achievement unjustified on any reasonable economic grounds. At Abra Chorillos, an altitude of 4575m (15,010ft) makes this the fourth highest operating line in the world.



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SYRAH





LA RIOJA Argentina

Red Iron Rich Soils Land of Warlords Battling La Rioja Spain for its name Syrah

Elevation: 800-1400 meters

Latitude: 28.5° S

Soils: Sandy-clay alluvial soils rich in iron which makes them look deep red-orange. Like the soils of the famous Australian Coonawarra these mineral-rich soils are particularly auspicious for viticulture and the growing of a dense and meaty kind of Syrah.

Climate: Dry mountain climate with very sunny days and very cold nights.



Animals:

Avestruz (Argentine ostrich), llamas, wild pumas and hundreds of varieties of snakes and lizards.

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Varieties Planted:

Torrontés Riojano: 2142 Ha

Syrah: 621 Ha Malbec: 528 Ha Bonarda: 545 Ha



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Most famous dish:

Lamb chops cooked outdoors over pruned vine cuttings and served with a stew of Potatoes "a la Riojana," wich includes red peppers, onions, garlic and spices and is cooked in a clay pot over the outdoor fire.

Historical facts: La Rioja is famous for its rebellions against the central government of Buenos Aires in the 19th century, led by the fierce warlord Facundo Quiroga.

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In 2011, after decades of legal action, the dispute between La Rioja Spain and La Rioja Argentina over the Argentine region's right to use the name "La Rioja" was settled giving La Rioja Argentina the right to use its name on labels with the word "Argentina" following "La Rioja." Why the name? In 1591 a Spanish Conquistador by the name of Juan Ramirez de Velazco founded the city and named it "La Nueva Rioja" after his birth region in Spain.







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Most visited
landmark:
To visit The Lost
City you'll wind
down a dusty road
that zigzags over
the dry bed of the
Guabo River.

It's hard to believe that about 225 million years ago this area was once a tropical rain forest where dinosaurs roamed the land. In fact, this is the site where the fossilized remains of the Lagosuchus Talampayensis were uncovered, one of the oldest dinosaur fossils ever found.

As you arrive at the end of the road a crater will come into view, and located at the bottom of this crater is the Lost City. It's a complex labyrinth of sand and rock formations that look like a city that was hit by a meteor shower.

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MERLOT PINOT NOIR







One of the least populated parts of the world Stunning natural beauty - glaciers, forests, penguins, whales Pinot Noir, Merlot and Chardonnay

Elevation: 300 meters

Latitude: 38 - 40° S

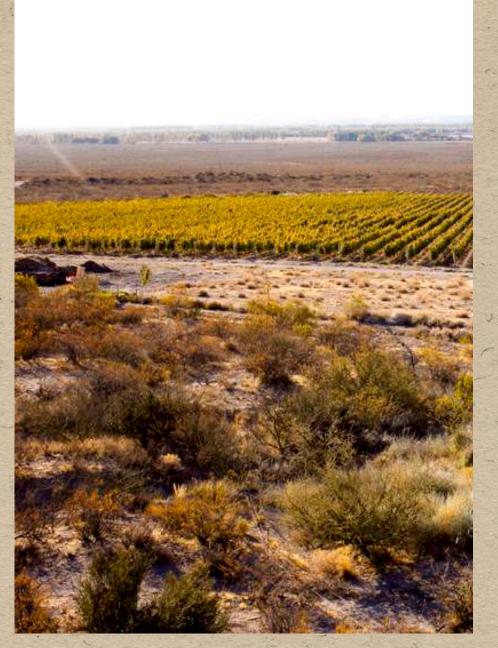
Soils: alluvial sandy loamy soils over layers of limestone.

Climate: cool because of the Southern Latitude. Altitude is not relevant in Patagonia. Prominent winds blow away pests and make it very easy to grow disease-free vines.



Animals: wild deer, sheep, Patagonian skunk, armadillos, incredible bird diversity, penguins, whales and marine turtles among many others. Patagonia is one of the earth's least populated areas by humans and therefore, most populated by animals.

PATAGONIA



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Varieties Planted:

Malbec: 597 Ha

Merlot: 238 Ha

Pinot Noir: 229 Ha Chardonnay: 127 Ha

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Most
famous
dish:
Patagonia is
Argentina's
chocolate
capital.

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Historical facts: Patagonia is home to one of the world's largest reservoirs of large dinosaur fossils. Patagonia was settled in the 19th century by Welsh settlers who came to raise sheep for wool. Today you can still find the descendants of these Welsh gauchos roaming the Patagonian plains on horseback and looking like Londoners dressed up as Argentine Gauchos with their baggy pants and colorful berrets, except that they rarely speak English. Argentina's most famous chef, Francis Mallmann, was born in Patagonia.

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Most visited landmark: The Perito Moreno Glacier is an enormous glacier located in the Los Glaciares National Park. Boat tours are a popular way of seeing the Perito Moreno Glacier and many other glaciers and places in the National Park Los Glaciares.

