



RESTAURANTS, ACCOMMODATIONS AND ATTRACTIONS AROUND MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

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GETTING THERE

American Airlines has two-stop flights from BWI to Mendoza, via Miami and Santiago, Chile, starting at \$1,261. From Buenos Aires, Aerolineas Argentinas and Lan fly to Mendoza about 12 times a day for about \$300 round trip.

WHERE TO STAY

Hotel Argentino

455 Espejo St., Mendoza, 011-54-261-405-6300

<http://www.argentino-hotel.com>

A well-located boutique hotel, with a small pool in the back, steps from the city's main square, Plaza Independencia. Rooms start at about \$72.

Park Hyatt Mendoza

1124 Chile St., Mendoza, 011-54-261-441-1234

<http://www.mendoza.park.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels>

Overlooking the Plaza Independencia, this high-end hotel includes a wine bar, restaurant and spa. Rooms from \$170.

Cavas Wine Lodge

Costaflores, Alto Agrelo, 011-54-261-410-6927

<http://www.cavaswinelodge.com>

Nearly 1,000-square-foot suites in adobe bungalows in the middle of a vineyard. Rooms start at \$290 from July 1 to mid-September; from \$500 otherwise.

WHERE TO EAT

Azafran

765 Sarmiento St., Mendoza, 011-54-261-429-4200

Inventive without being fussy. I started with cold watermelon soup with cilantro and progressed to a tenderloin steak with

fruit sauce. Hand-pick your wine from the cellar; our bottle was only \$1 more than at a nearby shop. Three courses, with wine, cost just over \$30.

Bodega Ruca Malen

National Highway 7, Km. 1059, 011-54-261-562-8357

<http://www.bodegarucamalen.com/index-eng.html>

WHAT TO DO

The Vines of Mendoza

567 Espejo St., Mendoza, 011-54-261-438-1031 (also these U.S. numbers: 707-320-2699 and 877-638-8502)

<http://www.vinesofmendoza.com>

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Wine touring

Through your hotel, you can hire a driver to take you to nearby wineries for about \$15 an hour. Or you can join a tour, including:

Trout and Wine

266 Espejo St., Mendoza, 011-54-261-425-5613

<http://www.troutandwine.com>

This company also leads fishing trips and other outings. The full-day wine tour, led by an English-speaking guide, takes groups of up to six people to four wineries in Lujan de Cuyo. \$135 per person, including lunch at Bodega Ruca Malen.

Ampora Wine Tours

647 Sarmiento St., Mendoza, 011-54-261-429-2931

<http://www.mendozawinetours.com>

Full-day trips, with English-speaking guide, of either the Lujan de Cuyo area or the Uco Valley, a prime region south of Lujan de Cuyo. \$135 per person to Lujan de Cuyo wineries, including pickup from Mendoza hotels and lunch at Bodega Ruca Malen. \$150 per person to the Uco Valley.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.argentinaturistica.com>

<http://www.welcomeargentina.com>

