

PROGRAM SALTA & JUJUY: FULL BIKE TOUR

Region: NOA.

Visited cities: Salta, Purmamarca, Tilcara, Humahuaca, Cafayate.

Number of days: 06 days/ 05 nights.

Activities: nature, adventure, culture, history.

DAY 01 : SALTA

Arrival to Salta airport, and transfer to the hotel.

City Tour- Half Day

The foundation of the city of Salta dates back to 1582, made by a Spaniard coming from Peru. Its architecture is of a well-preserved colonial nature, which makes the city captivating because of the vigorous contrast between its colonial buildings and its modern architecture. It is the largest city in the north of the country, which offers a variety of attractions to explore the surroundings or even to practice adventure sports.

Salta is home to some architectural gems, such as the Convent of San Bernardo, the Church of San Francisco and the Cabildo (former seat of the Spanish colonial authorities) where the 'Museo Histórico del Norte' works. From the top of the San Bernardo Hill you can enjoy a panoramic view of the city, with its residential areas and also the monument to General Martín Miguel de Güemes. (Cable -car not included)

In the surroundings of the center, we visited an interesting crafts market, where crafts of all kinds converge with a unique variety. This building was a Jesuit home.

For all these reasons, it is undoubtedly said that we are in one of the most dazzling cities in Argentina. Salta in Aymara language Salta means "the most beautiful".



Night at the hotel in Salta.

DAY 02: SALTA - TILCARA

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Visit Quebrada Del Humahuaca. Full day.

Departure to Tilcara.

The trip begins with a trip to the north of Salta to enjoy beautiful landscapes. Through the access to Yala, we start the ascent and visit the famous Quebrada. Little by little the vegetation will disappear to give way to the Quebrada landscape, defined by its singular stratifications that fill the view with its colors and shapes.

In Purmamarca, we stop for about 30 minutes, contemplating a walk through the town and its attractions. It is a small town in La Quebrada, with its famous "Cerro de los siete colores" (Hill of the Seven Colors). You will discover a small chapel dedicated to Santa Rosa de Lima, in colonial style made of adobe and a small craft market. In the park, vendors offer wooden sculptures, hand-woven carpets and all kinds of medicinal herbs. Then we continue to Maimará and Tilcara, where passengers are taken to the famous 'Pucará'. This ancient native fortress is framed by beautiful polychrome mountains that, in addition to the guide's historical explanation, will allow you to contemplate the thistles of the archaeological site. Then, we will visit the Archaeological Museum of the town.



Bike Tour: Huichaira. Duration: 02 hours.

Very close to Tilcara we plunge into a multi-coloured gorge, surrounded by reddish hills and admiring the rural life in the Quebrada de Humahuaca. Our first break is at the "Museo en los Cerros" (Museum in the Hills) where we will visit its photographic exhibition of well known photographers. At the end of our ascent we will visit a mountain of multicoloured hills.

Technical data: easy, 13km.



Night at the hotel in Tilcara.

DAY 03: TILCARA

Breakfast at the Hotel.

The tour continues to the city of Humahuaca, transposing the Tropic of Capricorn and many other geological formations that make the trip unique. We walk along the beautiful characteristic colonial streets, among which we find the central square and, around it, the Independence monument, the Cathedral and the City Hall, among others.

Bike Tour: Hornocal. Duration: Full Day.

Our bicycle tour begins in the historic centre of the town of Humahuaca. After riding about 10 km on a gravel road we will arrive to the village, we will have a short walk through pre-Hispanic cultivation terraces and have lunch.

We continue by bike to Valiazo where our vehicle will be waiting to take us to the viewpoint of the majestic Hornocal.

From there we will make a 25 km descent passing through Ocumazo to finish at Caleta.

Technical data: medium, 43km.



Night at the hotel in Tilcara.

DAY 04: TILCARA - SALTA

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Bike Tour: La Banda. Duration: 2hs.

A simple excursion full of surprises in the surroundings of Tilcara, travelling along country roads through areas of quintas, enjoying the panoramic and crossing rivers and streams. Ideal to be done in the mornings and perfect for beginners or families. Technical data: easy, 15km.



For the return to Salta, we have some very interesting activities: visiting the small chapel of Uquía, which shows a strong colonial heritage expressed in its old architecture from the 16th and 17th centuries. Valuable pieces of colonial art are exhibited, together with

pieces from the old Cuzco School: colonial baroque, golden altars or religious carved wood sculptures from the 17th century.

Return to the city of Salta.

Night at the hotel in Salta.

DAY 05: SALTA - CAFAYATE

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Visit to Cafayate. Full day.

Departure to Cafayate. The road crosses an important area of agricultural and cattle production, where small typical towns like Cerrillos, also known as the Capital of the Salteño Carnival, La Merced, city of flowers, El Carril, Talapampa, Germany, etc. stand out. until you reach the "Quebrada de las Conchas".

This ravine of particular beauty due to its geological formations, represents the most important part of the route. From there, the landscape continues to change and therefore surprises. The hills will change their tone and contrast. The oxides, sulphates and sediments will gain presence with the splendid landscapes of an impressive polychromy. We will make stops at the formations "La Garganta del Diablo", "El Anfiteatro", "Las Tres Cruces", "Los Castillos" and we will distinguish many others.

The small town founded around 1826 stood out as a centre of wine production. Its dry climate, characteristic of good sunshine, places Cafayate among the best production regions, where the most elaborated wines from vineyards such as Torrontés, Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet and Tanat, among others, can be found. Reason why we will visit a winery. In Cafayate it is also possible to visit its Cathedral Church and explore the beautiful square with neo-colonial features, handicraft shops, art galleries, the handicraft market, etc.

In the afternoon we return to Salta, still crossing route 68. Towards the end, after having examined the ravine and with breaks to take pictures, we will return to the Lerma Valley, through Germany. A technical stop is planned at Posta Las Cabras, where passengers will be able to taste goat cheeses and other gastronomic specialties of the area.



Return to the city of Salta.

Night at the hotel.

DAY 06: SALTA - TRANSFER OUT

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer on time to Salta Airport

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