

**Puna Total: Tolar Grande – Galan Volcano – Pumice Stone Field
Argentina**

Besides the Yungas jungle on the eastern fringe of the region, the only fertile lands are those near the river basins, which have been irrigated extensively. Across millennia the erosive forces of these rivers has gradually created a multitude of red-rock canyons, such as the Quebrada de Humahuaca and the Valles Calchaquíes.

West of these valleys the peaks of the Andes reach heights of over 6,000 metres (20,000 ft) and the Altiplano, an extensive 3,500-meter high plateau, dominates the landscape and continues far north into Bolivia and Southern Peru.

The climate and what to pack in the suitcase

Northwest Argentina is predominantly dry and hot and classified as subtropical. Owing to its rugged topography, the region is climatically diverse, depending on the altitude, temperature and distribution of precipitation. Consequentially, the vegetation will differ at these different climate types. In general, the climate can be divided into 2 main types: a cold arid or semi-arid climate at the higher altitudes and warmer subtropical climate in the eastern parts of the region. Under the Köppen climate classification, the region has 5 different climate types which are semi-arid (BS), arid (BW), temperate climate without a dry season and with a dry season (Cf and CW respectively) and an alpine climate at the highest altitudes.

Required Flights.

Air tickets not included

BUE – SLA AR1428 06:40 / 08:55

Day 1
22 Sep

Buenos Aires / Salta/ Tolar

Transfer to the airport to board the flight to Salta. Once we arrived we got on board the 4x4 to start our trip through the Quebrada del Toro to discover the town of San Antonio de Los Cobres. After lunch, we continue and little by little the landscape begins to change through a path surrounded by desert and lunar landscapes until we reach Tolar Grande, a village in the Puna of Salta located at 3500 meters above sea level.

Accommodation at Casa Andina. Dinner

Total distance covered: 359 km
Travel time: 9/10 hours
Maximum altitude: 4560 meters above sea level

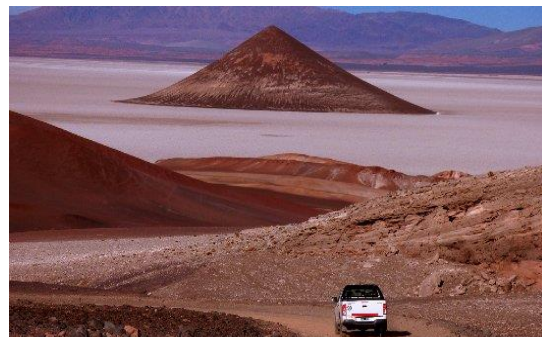


Day 2
23 Sep

Tolar Grande / Antofagasta de la Sierra

Before leaving Tolar Grande we visited the Ojos de Mar, turquoise water lagoons with living microorganisms.

On the way to Antofagasta de la Sierra, we find the Cone de Arita, an almost perfect pyramid that rises inexplicably in the Salar de Arizaro. After admiring it and taking dozens of photographs as trying to understand its perfection in the middle of this landscape, we continue through the Salar de Antofalla, the second longest in



the world to then cross the Quebrada de Calacaste and reach our final destination of the day: Antofagasta de la Sierra. **Lunch and dinner.**

Total distance covered: 283 km

Travel time: 9/10 hours

Maximum altitude: 4620 meters above sea level

Day 3
24 Sep

Antofagasta de la Sierra

Departed from the town to go to the Galan Volcano, the largest crater on the planet. On the way we passed through the Laguna Grande (4150 masl) which in the summer months brings together more than 10,000 flamingos, which is worth mentioning RAMSAR site (International Treaty on Conservation and Rational Use of Wetlands). Once inside the crater we can see the Diamante Lagoon, a striking mirror because of the color of its waters. At the end, return to the village.

Lunch and dinner.

Total distance covered: 350 km

Travel time: 10 hours

Maximum altitude: 4760 meters above sea level



Day 4
25 Sep

Antofagasta de la Sierra / Cafayate

We leave the village to start the road to Cafayate. After a few kilometers we go through an internal footprint to reach one of the jewels of the Puna Catamarqueña, the Campo de Piedra Pómez. On the way we admired the Carachi Pampa Volcano and its scoria, after dozens of photos and a walk through the surface, the only product of erosion through thousands of years, we started our way to Cafayate, passing through the Cuesta de Randolpho towards Cafayate. the Cuesta de Randolpho, Hualfin, and Ruinas de Quilmes.

Arrival to Cafayate and accommodation. **Lunch and dinner.**

Total distance covered: 458 km

Travel time: 11 hours

Maximum altitude: 4050 meters above sea level



Day 5
26 Sep

Cafayate / Salta

In the morning we will visit the town and visit a winery where we will make a tasting. Then we will return to Salta through the Quebrada de Cafayate with its strange formations resulting from the erosion of water and wind. On the way, **lunch** and arrival in Salta, just in time to board the flight back to Buenos Aires.

Total distance covered: 192 km

Travel time: 4 hours

Maximum altitude: 1660 meters above sea level





Required Flights.

Air tickets not included

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Prices include:

Accommodation with taxes.

Breakfast at hotel included daily (if early breakfast were required due to flight schedule it may be served at an extra cost).

Other meals included only when detailed in the itinerary (Set Menu for the whole group: starter, main course, dessert).

Entrance Fee to National Park

Transportation according to what is detailed in the itinerary.

Local English speaking guide.

Luggage allowance for transfers: one medium size suitcase per person plus one piece of hand luggage.

All necessary entrance fees for the tours detailed in the itinerary.

Prices do not include:

Early check in / late check out – unless specifically detailed in the itinerary (*).

Airfare

Airport taxes

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Tips.

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