



Argentina 444: 4 Chefs, 4 Cities, 4 Seasons...One Remarkable Excursion

Gourmands with a taste for both unparalleled luxury *and* rugged adventure have a trip to call their own. **Argentina 444** (www.argentina444.com) is a singular opportunity to experience four of that country's premier tourism destinations, all the while traveling with an esteemed American chef and local Argentine guide. The all-inclusive trip begins in **Buenos Aires** and winds its way to the wine country of **Mendoza**, continuing Southward to the lake district of **Bariloche** and ending amid **Patagonia's** majestic mountains and glaciers in **El Calafate**, four destinations chosen for their rich history, breathtaking scenery, and exquisite food and wine. Each expedition is comprised of an intimate group (16 people maximum) lead by tour founders and Argentine natives Alberto Inza and Mariano Morazzani. The two personally oversaw every detail of the itinerary, hand-selecting each remarkable hotel, trekking excursion, wine tasting and cultural outing. What lends each expedition its unique culinary perspective is the accompaniment of a renowned US chef whose gastronomic and oenophilic insights will infuse the experience: **Nancy Silverton** of Osteria Mozza and Pizzeria Mozza in Los Angeles; **Maria Hines** of Tilth in Seattle; **Chris Cosentino** of Incanto and Boccalone in San Francisco; **John Sundstrom** of Lark in Seattle and comprise the 2010/2011 roster. In addition to multi-course dinners at top restaurants, often cooked in spirited collaboration with the accompanying American chef, other indulgences include sipping Scotch poured over ice chiseled from a Patagonian glacier, taking in soccer, polo matches and tango performances from box seats, wandering through some of South America's most esteemed vineyards and sipping best-vintage wines, and exploring nature from unique vantage points. Luxury accommodations, gourmet meals, all activities, and transport within Argentina are all included within the cost of the trip (\$11,500 per person, excluding airfare to/from Argentina).

Sample Itinerary Highlights

- **BUENOS AIRES:** Tour of El Galpon, an organic market; private seven-course dinner at Chila, one of the city's most renowned restaurants, boasting a 1,200 bottle wine cellar with 200+ wines from South America alone.
- **MENDOZA:** Luxury accommodations at Cavas Wine Lounge; private visit to Bodega Vistalba to sample the Puleta family's award-winning Malbecs; tasting at Bodega Septima, a modern wine cellar; lunch at the futuristic Bodega O'Fournier and a tasting of their 90+ point wines.
- **BARILOCHE:** A visit to the serene Estancia Peuma Hue, a lakeside ranch, for private horseback riding tour and authentic Argentine asado (BBQ); cliff-side dinner overlooking the pristine Lago Gutierrez at Cassis featuring Modern European cuisine inspired by the local Andean-Patagonian bounty.
- **EL CALAFATE:** A nautical safari to the Perito Moreno Glacier for a close-up view of icebergs on the move; overnight stay at Los Nostros, the only lodge overlooking the Perito Moreno glacier, nestled within the landscape and designed so that views of the majestic scenery are visible from multiple vantages.

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EXPEDITIONS AND DATES

Expedition 1 [Summer U.S. / Winter Argentina]

- Dates: Sept 17 – 26, 2010
- Chef: Maria Hines, Executive Chef/Owner, Tilth (Seattle), James Beard Award for Best Chef Northwest (2009)

Expedition 2 [Fall U.S./Spring Argentina]

- Dates: April 24 – May 3, 2010
- Chef: Nancy Silverton – Chef and author, Founder, La Brea Bakery, Executive Chef/Owner, Osteria Mozza, Pizzeria Mozza (Los Angeles)

Expedition 3 [Winter U.S. / Spring Argentina]

- Dates: Jan 30 – Feb 8, 2011
- Chef: John Sundstrom, Executive Chef/Owner: Lark, Licorous, Seattle, *Food & Wine* Best New Chef (2001), James Beard Award for Best Chef Northwest (2007)

Expedition 4 [Spring U.S. / Fall Argentina]

- Dates: April 24 – May 3, 2011
- Chef: Chris Cosentino, Executive Chef/Co-Owner: Incanto, Boccalone (San Francisco), currently appearing on Food Network's *Chef vs. City*

About Argentina 444

Argentina 444 organizes exclusive, food-themed travel expeditions to Argentina. Principals and lifelong friends Alberto Inza and Mariano Morazzani have drawn upon their mutual passion for fine dining and top-tier travel to create culinary expeditions of a lifetime lead by some of the preeminent chefs from the U.S. For more information, please visit www.Argentina444.com.

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